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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

History, activities, aims, and purposes of German American Bund set out as result of admissions made by former leaders and members to confidential source of information T-2. PETER GISSIEL, Unit Leader of subject organization in 1937 and 1938, states brother WITZ organized Teutonia Club, forerunner of Bund, due to WITZ close affiliation with Hitler in Munich in 1923. WITZ GISSIEL returned to Germany in 1936 to act as an important cog in GOEBBEL'S propaganda machine. According to PETER GISSIEL, subject organization was under the guiding hand of the Third Reich from which source came propaganda leaflets and moving picture films smuggled into the U. S. "Friends of New Germany," predecessor of the Bund, had its name changed through advice of the German Government as the words "New Germany" showed an obvious hinge between the society and the Third Reich. PETER GISSIEL reviews the Bund's policy of infiltration into other German American groups for purposes of gaining the controlling hand in order to exert political pressure. GISSIEL opined that activity of foreign agents went so far as to countenance murder if necessary to attain their goal. News clippings containing anti-Nazi sentiments of any German American were forwarded to New York with names of contributors. Said clippings, opined GISSIEL, were sent to Germany for purposes of information. Dr. OTTO WELLMUTH, Unit Leader from 1939 to 1941, discusses the Leadership principle and admits same is inconsistent with democratic form of government. WELLMUTH admitted receiving propaganda from Germany from direct and indirect sources. Dr. WELLMUTH presented T-2 with the information that membership of the youth

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1. subject organization was similar to that in Germany, that children become imbued with the Nazi spirit; that the Youth Leaders were sent to Germany to receive schooling in HITLER'S Youth Movement. The former Unit Leader breaks down the Bund into five classifications, stating that a Bund sympathizer was in reality a Bund member although not necessarily required to state such in employment applications. KARL SAUTTER, against whom a petition for denaturalization has already been filed, admits being Unit Leader before receiving final citizenship papers. SAUTTER contradicts former Bund Leaders and says subject organization was in disfavor with German Government. Other Bund members' history and activities set out. Literature pertaining to the Bund obtained from T-2 translated and photo-static copies obtained.

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On July 9, 1942 PETER GISSIBL admitted before confidential source of information T-2 that he resided at 113 Schermen Place, Waukegan, Illinois. In reviewing his life history, GISSIBL advised that he had been born in Nuremberg, Bavaria, Germany, in 1900; that he was a private in the German Artillery in World War No. 1, along with his four brothers. GISSIBL recalled that he had been released from the Army in 1918 and from 1919 through 1923 he worked in Hamburg as a tailor. On the latter date, he immigrated to the United States and he became a citizen in 1929.

Referring to the societies to which he had belonged, GISSIBL mentioned that he joined the Teutonia Club whose purpose was in 1928 to keep immigrants together.

Reviewing the history of the Teutonia Club, it was brought out by GISSIBL that this club was first started in 1924 by FRITZ GISSIBL who had come to the United States in 1923, namely in December. PETER GISSIBL recalled that his brother, FRITZ, had been a student at the University of Hamburg and that PETER had sent him money in order to come to America. At this time, FRITZ GISSIBL was about twenty years old. Further concerning the Teutonia Club, it was brought out by PETER GISSIBL that the "Friends of New Germany" was formed out of the Teutonia Club in September or October of 1932.

GISSIBL mentioned another leader of the Teutonia Club, namely one FRANK NOBELE. It was ascertained that NOBELE as well as FRITZ GISSIBL had returned to Germany, FRITZ having gone back in December of 1936.

Trying to discover a reason for FRITZ GISSIBL'S affiliation with this New German Society, PETER GISSIBL advised that his brother FRITZ had been in Munich with HITLER at the time of the Putsch and was saturated with HITLER ideals. PETER GISSIBL opinioned that all of the members of the Teutonia Club infiltrated into the "Friends of New Germany;" that the dues were \$1.00

a month and that newspaper called Vorposten was published monthly. Concerning the League offices PETER GISSIBL said that one JOE HANSON, who he believed was presently in New York, was president of the organization and in 1936, and out of the Friends of New Germany, came the subject organization. PETER GISSIBL mentioned one Dr. HUBERT SCHNUCH who was the Leader about 1933 or 34 and PETER GISSIBL said that later on his brother FRITZ became National Leader.

Proceeding with the history of the German American Bund, PETER GISSIBL advised that in 1936 FRITZ KUHN became leader and he was more or less responsible for appointing one TONY MILLER and later KARL SAUTTER as Unit Leaders in Chicago, Illinois. PETER GISSIBL admitted that in 1937 and 1938 he was Unit Leader and he was succeeded by Dr. OTTO WILLMEIT.

Going back to the Teutonia Club, PETER GISSIBL recalled that this Club had about twelve different groups in the United States and his brother was largely responsible for the organizing of these various groups at a New York Convention, the exact date of which he was not certain. As a result of FRITZ GISSIBL being National Leader, it was necessary for him to move to New York at which place he was denied the right to become a citizen of the United States after he was questioned by members of the Dies Committee.

PETER GISSIBL opinioned that it was entirely possible that the Friends of New Germany changed their name to German American Bund in 1936 upon orders from the German Government and as a matter of fact, PETER GISSIBL stated that FRITZ said he was going back to Germany where he would be more useful to HITLER since he was handicapped due to not having his citizenship papers. It was mentioned by PETER GISSIBL that his brother FRITZ had at one time told him that HITLER did not want anyone active in subject organization unless the individual was a citizen of the United States.

PETER GISSIBL was elected president of subject organization in 1937 at which time the group was composed of about 120 to 150 members. As president, PETER GISSIBL met with FRITZ KUHN about four times a year. According to PETER GISSIBL, FRITZ KUHN would admit publicly that the Bund was organized to aid and abet a better understanding, and relationship between America and Germany, but privately, KUHN told PETER GISSIBL that the Bund must have influence and politics and must, by infiltration into Singing Societies and Sport Clubs, exert its influence. PETER GISSIBL impressed upon confidential source of information T-2 that this influence could be best exerted by discovering which members of the Bund were also in other societies and asking these members to push the purpose of the Bund.

PETER GISSIBL recalled that a man by the name of MILLER was not only a member of the Bund but also in the Singing Society so they called MILLER and said, "Come up here. We want to talk to you. You snoop around in the Singing Society and see who is really a good fellow and believes in more or less the Nazi doctrine." As a result of this, that individual reported to the Bund Leaders whatever progress was being made to steer that organization in the direction of the Bund. PETER GISSIBL said that that was the purpose in Chicago and all over America.

PETER GISSIBL cited an instance when FRITZ KUHN had told him of the latter's meeting with HITLER at the Olympic Games in 1936 and KUHN advised GISSIBL that HITLER had stated what action should be taken in regard to the Bund. According to PETER GISSIBL, FRITZ KUHN also met HITLER in private in his residence in Salzburg. HITLER allegedly told KUHN that preparations must be made in order that Germany may be made a country for the white man. PETER GISSIBL admitted he was not sure what KUHN meant by this.

Realizing the danger of being implicated in such a group, PETER GISSIBL said that in 1938, while on a trip to Germany, he contacted his brother, FRITZ, and asked for the "lowdown" on the purpose of the Bund, stating to his brother that there were many innocent members in the Bund who would do no harm to the United States, but were becoming innocently involved merely as members of subject organization. PETER GISSIBL foresaw an investigation by the Government of the Bund. GISSIBL hinted that one of the main purposes of the visit to Germany in 1938, at which time he contacted his brother, FRITZ, was to ascertain whether or not the stories which KUHN had told him regarding KUHN'S visit with HITLER in 1936 were true. One of those stories, according to PETER GISSIBL was that HITLER had told FRITZ KUHN that he should disregard the previous order issued by the Foreign Department of the German Government which forbade German Nationals from joining the Bund. The purpose in this order was to give the German Nationals in America a right to join the Bund. The German Nationals were expressing the feeling that they were being disregarded. PETER GISSIBL remembered that KUHN had told him that according to HITLER'S decree, the idea of becoming a citizen in order to join the Bund was merely a camouflage. PETER GISSIBL admitted that this 1938 trip to Germany was paid in part by the German American Bund and also in part by the German American Business League. PETER GISSIBL went on to say that at the time of this 1938 trip, he went directly to Berlin where he saw his brother, FRITZ, who at this time was in Wurtemberg. In conjunction with this 1938 trip, PETER GISSIBL brought out the point that he had been refusing membership in subject organization German Nationals despite FRITZ KUHN'S previous order to the contrary. After locating his brother, FRITZ, PETER GISSIBL advised that the brother, FRITZ, together with one FRITZ WIEDMANN, first Lt. of HITLER and later becoming German Consul in San Francisco, called on HITLER in the Chancellery and HITLER allegedly told FRITZ GISSIBL and Wiedemann that no such an order concerning membership in the Bund by German Nationals was ever given to FRITZ KUHN and further that HITLER had never seen KUHN in private and had seen him only once in a group of six men at the Olympic Games in 1936. PETER GISSIBL mentioned that during his 1938 trip he also visited the Ausland at Stuttgart, which institute had been sending a monthly magazine to Bund members in America, GISSIBL recalled that he spoke before approximately one thousand members on the activities of the German American Bund in America. It was brought out by PETER GISSIBL that a copy of this speech was turned over to REAGAN of the U. S. Department of Justice. He, however, did not elaborate on the date or place where this copy of the speech had been turned over to REAGAN.

Confidential source of information T-2 brought PETER GISSIBL back to 1935 at which time PETER advised that he had also taken a trip to Germany at which time he visited Dr. HUBERT SCHNUCH, who at this time was National Leader of the Friends of New Germany. SCHNUCH, according to PETER GISSIBL

was attending a school in Berlin, studying political science. GISSIBL stated that this course was conducted by the Nazi Government. PETER GISSIBL denied that during this conversation in 1935 any mention was made of the Friends of New Germany as PETER GISSIBL was inactive at that time. PETER GISSIBL said that his acquaintance with Dr. SCHNUCH went back twelve or fifteen years so that visit was more or less personal.

Regarding other Nazi officials, PETER GISSIBL denied ever having visited any others in 1935 with the exception of one Dr. BOLLERT at his home where GISSIBL stayed in Germany. Concerning BOLLERT'S identity, GISSIBL stated that he was a former member of the Bund in New York and in 1935, BOLLERT was working for the Ministry of Economics. Mention should be made that GISSIBL told confidential source of information T-2 that this use of the word Bund referred not only to the German American Bund but also to the Teutonia Club as well as the Friends of New Germany.

Regarding the forwarding of propaganda to the United States, PETER GISSIBL recalled that his brother RITZ had promised to send certain propaganda to the United States for distribution but this propaganda was not sent directly to Chicago but to the Leaders in New York as RITZ KUHN did not allow any Unit Leader to correspond directly with the Fatherland. How this propaganda entered the United States was not at first known to PETER GISSIBL but later he learned that it was smuggled in on ships. PETER GISSIBL ascertained that it was smuggled in on ships because he had talked directly with sailors on the boat during his 1938 trip and these sailors had admitted that they brought in this propaganda through devious ways and means. PETER GISSIBL also acknowledged receiving from the Foreign Institute some stickers for the children who had planned to attend a festival in conjunction with the Chicago Singing Society at one of the local auditoriums. In order not to arouse suspicion, these stickers, according to PETER GISSIBL, were sent in small packages to various Chicago addresses and these stickers were in the form of presents for children of Bund members.

Concerning the Bund, itself, PETER GISSIBL discussed its formation and related how it was divided into three main groups, mainly the East, the Middle West, and the Far West, with all of the National Conventions being held in New York and leaders being chosen by a vote of delegates of which there were two for each hundred members in any unit. PETER GISSIBL admitted that he was not elected by popular vote but he was appointed by National Leaders if such backing was given him in his own Unit, so according to PETER, KUHN had no choice in the matter of appointing PETER GISSIBL since GISSIBL received so much local support. GISSIBL brought this point out as he had stated to T-2 on numerous occasions that he was for the most part on unfriendly terms with the National Leader, KUHN. It was brought out by PETER GISSIBL that the swastika was displayed at all meetings. It was further ascertained that Camp Bridgeman was started during the term of PETER GISSIBL by the Units at Gary and Hammond, Indiana. PETER GISSIBL admitted that his Chicago group donated funds for this camp.

CHANCING DIENST

It was learned from PETER GISSIBL that the O. D. was organized under the Friends of New Germany in order to maintain order as a strong army group, especially against the C. I. O. and Communist groups who would desire to break up Bund meetings. PETER GISSIBL said, however, that there was no necessity for the O. D. during his term of office as everything was in an orderly state.

Concerning the uniform worn by the O. D., GISSIBL mentioned that it consisted of a grey shirt, grey over-seas cap, Sam Brown belt, black trousers, and a swastika on the arm band.

It was learned that one HENRY BAMBERG residing on Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, furnished the swastika insignias and also sold swastika pins at Haus Vaterland, the meeting place of the Chicago Unit. According to GISSIBL, BAMBERG also sold the literature as a side line and GISSIBL mentioned that BAMBERG was secretary of the Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung.

Concerning the official publication of the subject organization, GISSIBL stated that the "Wackruf" was published by the Teutonia Publishing Company and that the Teutonia Publishing Company was incorporated for \$1000.00 and that the shares sold for \$10.00 each. GISSIBL mentioned one ALBERT KOLB as being mainly interested in the Teutonia Publishing Company as he bought the majority of the shares and GISSIBL stated that there was a company in the East doing the same type of work, being known as the German American Bund Publishing Company.

During PETER GISSIBL'S interview with T-2, it was brought out that WALTER PENNINGSDORF was a former Bund member and GISSIBL advised that he had some trouble due to his shortage of Bund funds. It was further brought out in this interview that one FRAY FALLER, who was most active in the Girl's Youth Movement of the Bund, had been sent to Germany and her trip was paid for by the German American Bund and the German American Business League.

FOREIGN DOMINATION

PETER GISSIBL said that it was quite possible that since his brother FRITZ was most instrumental in organizing the Teutonia Club immediately upon his arrival in America, that he did so under the guidance of Hitler. In 1923 HITLER was not yet in power but PETER GISSIBL said, "It was our purpose here in the United States to help as much as possible on our side in a financial way so he could get in power." It was further opinioned by GISSIBL that Bund policies were directed more or less after FRITZ GISSIBL'S consultation with GOEBBEL or with some member of the Propaganda Ministry in Germany. As a matter of fact, PETER GISSIBL admitted that his brother FRITZ conferred frequently with the German Consul in New York and Chicago and undoubtedly received his orders from the Consul. PETER GISSIBL strengthened his

opinion that the Bund was under foreign domination by saying that he also had visited the home of the German Consulate in Chicago upon invitation as were other leaders and on one of these invitations he met FRITZ FIEDERMANN for the first time. It was brought out during one of these meetings with the German Consulate that the latter objected to German nationals belonging to the German American Bund as the Consulate had a separate organization for Nationals which existed from 1936 to the outbreak of the World War in 1941. This organization was known as the Deutsche Volksbund. Concerning this Volksbund, PETER GISSIBL listed one FRITZ HAEBERLING as the head of this Volksbund and GISSIBL stated that HAEBERLING later attached himself directly to the German Consulate and returned to Germany when the Consulate Office was closed.

According to PETER GISSIBL, both of the Bunds worked hand in hand. There was, however, no National Leader of the Volksbund as the German Consulate acted as supervisor and advised the members "what to do and what not to do." In order to show the close relationship between subject organization and the German Volksbund, GISSIBL stated that they often met as one body. GISSIBL recalled at this time that it was FRITZ KUHN'S wish that the German Volksbund be broken up and that the members thereof join the German American Bund but PETER GISSIBL was not successful in this respect although he admitted an attempt to follow through KUHN'S instructions.

Regarding various pieces of written material, PETER GISSIBL was shown a four-page pamphlet by T-2 entitled "Join the American Bund" "Leading Nationwide Organization for Americans of German Blood," "For a Strong National Minded America, Honest Government, Constitution and Flag." PETER GISSIBL admitted that he had designed such a pamphlet and further admitted that this pamphlet provided for two types of members: a regular membership for people who are citizens and an associated membership for German Nationals who are not citizens.

During the course of the interview with PETER GISSIBL, T-2 read the Articles of the Constitution of subject organization and GISSIBL admitted that these were drawn up by him and okayed by FRITZ KUHN. The articles of the Constitution herein referred to pertain to the Chicago unit of the Bund.

During the course of this interview, T-2 presented to GISSIBL a pamphlet entitled, "Deutscher Volksbund." A translation of the pamphlet is as follows:

1. The Deutscher Volksbund of Chicago, Illinois is an organization of German Citizens in the United States.
2. Membership can be acquired from German citizens, men and women, over eighteen years of age.
3. The member has to be of German blood.
4. The Group Leader of the German Bund can decide whether you can become a member or not.
5. A member of the Bund has to respect the laws of the United States and is not allowed to engage in any political arguments whatsoever.
6. The members must be a good example of German representation here in this country.

Dues are 50¢ a month and the dues for the wife of a member are 25¢. In regard to membership in the German Volksbund, it was brought out that a member in filling out an application must state, among other questions, his name and address, the fact whether he is married or single plus the status and names of members of his family. In addition to these items, the prospective member must state whether he or she has been a member of the Friends of New Germany or of the National Socialistic Society of Teutonia.

Concerning the other documents GISSIBL admitted having ordered from the Market Printing Company were a hand bill announcing on February 23, 1936 a talk to be given by WILLIAM KUNZE who was to discuss war, revolution, strikes, and investigation of the German American Bund. This hand bill stated that the Director of the Bureau of Public Information would answer questions regarding these subjects. This "Director", according to GISSIBL was WILLIAM KUNZE and GISSIBL recalled that KUNZE, in his speech, condemned the Jews, our monetary system and the Communists. In explanation, GISSIBL stated that the Office of the Director of Public Information was in the Propaganda Department of the Bund.

INFILTRATION OF THE BUND INTO OTHER SOCIETIES

Confidential source of information T-2 questioned PETER GISSIBL specifically on the manner in which the Bund infiltrated into the other societies and PETER GISSIBL replied, "They were supposed to work in that direction, for instance, if those fellows worked in the organization for a while, quietly, then we would send maybe the Bund an invitation to come to one of our meetings or our doings."

"Well, that letter had to be read to the membership of that different organization to read the letter and some of them started to applaud and some of them jumped up and told them and convinced them that we have to go there. They are pretty nice fellows. You see the point? Then he got that over one by one, these organizations, the connection is to the Bund." GISSIBL expanded on this idea of infiltration by saying that although the Bund did not get into all organizations, they were in enough of them to have a controlling voice in the central organization of the German Societies of Chicago and GISSIBL said that this scheme worked out very well. As a matter of fact, according to GISSIBL, most every Society was influenced with the exception of the Turners.

It was ascertained through this interview with PETER GISSIBL that subject organization sold other societies on the Nazi form of government by working from within and made it look like public opinion. Finally, however, FRITZ KUHN became too domineering and spoiled things according to GISSIBL, who admitted that he had done a good job in lining up the other organizations with the Nazi policy. It was brought out by PETER GISSIBL that, in his

opinion FRITZ KUHN had put on too much pressure and the "bottom fell out of things" and that this time one ERNST TEN EICHEN covered the Einheitsfront which, incidently, occurred just after TEN EICHEN'S trip to Germany. It was possible; according to PETER GISSIBL, that the Propaganda Ministry in Berlin realized that subject organization was in disrepute by the American people and, therefore, the reason for the Einheitsfront.

Elaborating on this policy of lining up other German Societies, PETER GISSIBL advised that the purpose of this so-called "lining up" was to exert political pressure and to quote PETER GISSIBL, regarding this political pressure, "Well, for instance, not to reject some films. There were many things done. I do not know really what to talk about, it would go too far. We could go to some politician or to some police headquarters which I do not want to discuss. I do not know if you understand why but this is a thing I did not want to talk about. Don't you see I have to expose some people and they are still in positions today and they did not do it in a nice way their duty as an American citizen." The films referred to pertain to Nazi propaganda to the highest extent and PETER GISSIBL said that the films were shown in buildings unfit for use and condemned for dangerous buildings but that these buildings could be used by paying off a public official. The origin of these pictures and films were the Consulate Office and also BARBERG'S supply house previously mentioned in this report.

It was stated by PETER GISSIBL that the principal propaganda concerned itself with keeping America out of European entanglements and maintaining a strong isolationist attitude. PETER GISSIBL gave the statement at this time that FRITZ KUHN had illusions about creating a government in America similar to the New Order in Germany. As a matter of fact, PETER admitted that he learned in his 1938 interview with his brother FRITZ that subject organization was for the purpose of furthering the Nazi form of Government rather than the American form of government or any patriotic affiliation thereto. Also, it was brought out by GISSIBL, at this time that PAUL WARMHOLZ, Attorney for the convicted HAUPT treason aids, was head of the German American Business League and wanted to sever its connection with the Bund and GISSIBL and WARMHOLZ argued to the point that WARMHOLZ dropped out:

At this time T-2 showed PETER GISSIBL a letter dated August 28, 1938, which letter pertained to the "ill treatment" received by PETER GISSIBL at the hands of FRITZ KUHN in New York which finally resulted in PETER GISSIBL'S leaving the Bund. KUHN, according to PETER GISSIBL failed in his newspaper activities in New York while the Teckruf was on a paying basis in Chicago and PETER said that Kuhn finally maneuvered matters to the point of having the paper printed in Philadelphia by Graff Publishing Company. The contents of referenced letter also showed that FROBOESE, former mid-west leader, had called PETER GISSIBL a stooge for testifying before the Dies Committee which FROBOESE called "a Jewish Organ."

Among other pieces of literature which were discussed by PETER GISSIBL with T-2 was an announcement of a showing of an American film entitled "With the German Youth in Albania." This film was listed by PETER GISSIBL as typical propaganda. Another piece of written matter pertained to the Theodore Koerner Schule, a school of the Bund named after THEODORE KOERNER, an outstanding hero of his time, known principally as one of Napoleon's opponents. According to PETER, the school was supervised by a Mrs. Professor SIEGESCHMID, a former teacher in Germany and also in the United States. PETER GISSIBL said, "Through her knowledge of the American system of schooling while she understands to influence our children in an effective way." School was held in an annex to the Haus Vaterland and the purpose of the school was 1) to get the children to go to school; 2) to pick out leaders for the Youth Movement; and 3) infiltration of Nazi philosophy. Further information was gathered concerning the Theodore Koerner Schule when PETER GISSIBL said, "Well, the Youth movement, the Youth Movement was, the purpose was, little by little to infiltrate the Nazi philosophy in their way of thinking in their spiritual life. To admit that. That is true. That was the purpose of the whole thing. That is why he went a step over the school and made it unsuspecting on the outside and got them into the school first, and got them gradually into the Youth Movement."

On July 10, 1942 PETER GISSIBL again met T-2 and a short discussion took place regarding CARL SAUTTER, former Bund Leader. PETER GISSIBL stated that as he saw the situation, SAUTTER was disloyal to America by following the dictates of the National Leader of the Bund. PETER GISSIBL recalled, however, no specific instance whereby SAUTTER mentioned the benefits of a Nazi form of government but PETER said that SAUTTER spoke in this vein during the meetings. According to PETER GISSIBL, SAUTTER never wore a uniform but had a swastika pinned on his coat and "Heiled HITLER." It was also brought out by PETER GISSIBL that during SAUTTER'S TERM of office, HITLER'S picture was displayed. It is to be noted that PETER GISSIBL signed SAUTTER'S petition for naturalization and at the present time there is a Denaturalization pending against CARL SAUTTER, Chicago File No. 100-5585.

Concerning one Irene MATZ former secretary to Dr. OTTO WILLUREIT, PETER GISSIBL stated that Mrs. MATZ had told him that she was very close to German officials in Germany while she resided there and was active in the Secret Service in Germany. PETER further mentioned that Mrs. MATZ attempted to obtain work at the Bund School but since there was no vacancy, such a request was denied her. According to GISSIBL, when Dr. WILLUREIT is out of town, IRENE MATZ "is the Bund." It was further brought out through conversation with PETER GISSIBL that IRENE MATZ did not agree with him for exposing the Bund before the Dies Committee. PETER GISSIBL mentioned at this time that the Bund's secretary preceding Mrs. MATZ was one CLARA MATTHEIS, residing at 3700 Pueblo Avenue, Chicago.

The former Unit Leader informed T-2 that the Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung was a Society composed only of German Nationals and that one of the rigid rules of the Society was that the German National never intended to take out his American citizenship. PETER GISSIBL also gave the information

that this Society celebrated HITLER'S birthday and also celebrated the return of Austria to Germany. According to GISSIBL, this Society was formulated in 1936.

The name of one HEINRICH SASS was brought out and GISSIBL advised that SASS had to get out of the German American Bund when the order came from Germany that all German Nationals should leave the Bund. PETER GISSIBL listed SASS as a fanatic Nazi.

Concerning other individuals active in subject organization, PETER GISSIBL listed one HUGO LUETJE as a strong Bund member and also a member of the Storm Troopers or O. D. and very pro-Nazi. Although GISSIBL could attribute no specific statement which LUETJE ever made, GISSIBL did say, however, that it was not LUETJE'S habit to miss any of the Bund meetings. GISSIBL further recalled that LUETJE, at one time volunteered his services to go to Milwaukee to protect one of the Bund meetings. It is further noted that LUETJE was designated by Mrs. MATZ to be in charge of affairs at Haus Vaterland when both she and Dr. WILLBREIT were absent from Chicago.

PETER GISSIBL concluded his interview with T-2 by giving some information concerning Nazi principles. PETER GISSIBL said that it makes no difference what methods you use to obtain your goal; whether it is lying, cheating, or corruption. Such activities make no difference as long as your goal is attained. Ability to give orders as well as to take orders and carry them out to fulfillment is a major factor in Nazism. Concerning the Nazi decrees on religion, PETER GISSIBL believes that Nazism teaches that you do not have to belong to any church or attend any church; that you can be a Christian or a pagan in so long as you perform for the government. It was PETER GISSIBL'S opinion that a slow disintegration of religion, rather than rapid one, is better because the effect is longer lasting. GISSIBL further stated that as far as the Nazi officials of Germany, they are supposed to be moral but as far as outside agents are concerned, "Everything goes." GISSIBL stated that the activity of Foreign Agents went so far as to countenance murder.

As regards supplying information to Germany, GISSIBL recalled that when an individual of German ancestry expressed himself in an anti-Nazi fashion in the newspapers, the clipping was removed from that paper with the date line and the same was forwarded to New York. GISSIBL supposed that these clippings were later sent to Germany so that a list could be made up of non-sympathetic Germans.

As regards political activity, GISSIBL said in regard to the presidential election of 1936 that FRITZ KUHN first gave orders to vote for LEIKE and two weeks before the election advised that the Bund vote should go to LANDON. At this time, according to GISSIBL, a telegram was sent to Germany by FRITZ KUHN which had the following contents, "Please advise (to whom) the decisive motion goes - LANDON or LEIKE," and thereupon KUHN received the following answer, "Not interested in decisive motion in U.S.A. In an attempt to verify the sending of this telegram, PETER GISSIBL

School of Engineering in Milwaukee; that he returned to Germany in 1921 and while in Germany, he pursued a course in electronics at Charlottenberg for a period of nine months. It was at this time that he met his wife and he returned to the United States in March of 1923. MATZ informed T-2 that his parents had become citizens in 1912.

Concerning his affiliation with subject organization, MATZ recalled that he joined the Bund in 1938 or 1939 and although he stated that he was no longer a member after about nine months, MATZ admitted, however, that he still attended Bund meetings. MATZ denied that he was ever a member of the Friends of New Germany or any other German Society prior to joining the Bund.

Concerning the Teutonia Publishing Company, MATZ recalled that he had held the office of vice president for a few months; that this Society was housed also in Haus Vaterland and that he was associated with WILLIAM KURZ and also one Mr. ORT. According to MATZ his principal activities were signing his name whenever necessary but he could recall no specific documents to which he attached his signature. MATZ mentioned that the Teutonia Publishing Company in Chicago was dissolved and was taken over by the New York office, although no date for same was given. Questioned regarding the A. V. Publishing Company, MATZ gave negative information regarding same. MATZ did say, however, that ALBERT KOLB continued to act as distributor for magazines and the paper was sent from the A. V. Publishing Company in New York. Likewise negative information was received from MATZ regarding the German American Travel Center. Although MATZ could give no information regarding the type of office work carried on by his wife he admitted, however, that his wife was active in teaching the German Language to the children. It is to be noted that this information appears contrary to that given by PETER GISSIBL formerly in this report. Although MATZ admitted having a Bund pin with a swastika thereon, he said that he wore it only once or twice and he could not give any of the purposes of the Bund but did recall one fact, namely, that FRITZ GISSIBL told him that one must be a citizen to join the Bund. Regarding speeches made at Haus Vaterland, H. J. MATZ advised that they were all in favor of Germany but MATZ could recall that at one time the Bund did pledge itself to America First.

Matz further admitted that lectures given at Haus Vaterland were against England with a tendency to show how England intended to dominate the world. MATZ further stated that the Bund did everything possible to prevent England and the United States from getting together in order that Germany would be protected. Further concerning his membership in subject organization MATZ informed T-2 that he had a membership card and in place of his name, there was a number printed thereon and as far as the records were concerned he was always known by his number. MATZ admitted that this practice appeared very strange to him. Concerning Dr. WILLHEIT, MATZ opined that the former unit leader was loyal to Germany and that the Bund was more a detriment than an aid to the United States.

stated that in his visit to Germany in 1938 he sought out a very important Gestapo, who produced said telegram for PETER GISSIBL and questioned HEINRICHSEYER about such an order from Germany. GISSIBL related that he further learned from HEINRICHSEYER that FRITZ KUHN had left Germany in 1936 owing a man by the name of HOCHMUTH 1640 Reichsmarks and also owing an iron cross which had been loaned to KUHN for picture-taking purposes and which KUHN had never won for any valor.

The above information is the substance of a letter which PETER GISSIBL was going to distribute in 1937 but which he failed to do, however, due to lack of funds. This letter was the concluding item in PETER GISSIBL'S hatred for FRITZ KUHN and KUHN'S policies.

On July 1, 1942, IRENE VOLTER MATZ, secretary to Dr. OTTO WILLUMHEIT met with confidential source of information T-2 and she advised that she resided at 1509 Rosemont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that she was born in Berlin and that she became a citizen of the United States in 1927. Concerning her work in Berlin, Mrs. MATZ admitted that she had been employed by the Admiral's Staff of the Navy. Questioned as to how she became affiliated with the German American Bund, Mrs. MATZ advised that she visited Haus Vaterland on numerous occasions for social purposes and since the MATZ family were in need of money, Mrs. MATZ suggested to Dr. WILLUMHEIT that she become his secretary. She was aided in this suggestion by the former secretary CLARA MATTHEIS. Mrs. MATZ admitted that she joined the Bund in March of 1938 and that she was a bookkeeper for the newspaper, the Weckruf, as well as acting as bookkeeper for the travel center maintained by the Bund.

Concerning her previous work in Berlin after the war, IRENE MATZ recalled that it consisted of working for the Peace Commission whose job it was to prepare for the turning over of all materials used in the war to the English and French according to the Versailles Treaty.

Mrs. MATZ was questioned regarding the activities of Dr. OTTO WILLUMHEIT along with the purposes and activities of the Bund but she gave negative information, stating that she never bothered to question WILLUMHEIT regarding the Bund activities. No information of value was obtained from Mrs. MATZ concerning the history, purposes, or aims of subject organization which is pertinent to this report.

In an attempt to obtain further information regarding Bund activities, HELMUTH J. MATZ was in conference with confidential source of information T-2 on July 2, 1942. It is to be noted that H. J. MATZ, is the husband of IRENE W. MATZ, former secretary to Dr. WILLUMHEIT. It was learned from Mr. MATZ that he was born in Hamburg, Germany; that he came to the United States at the age of two with his parents who reside at the present time at 2534 Winnetmac Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. MATZ mentioned that he attended a

SAUTTER recalled that TONY MILLER had followed him as Chicago Unit Leader.

SAUTTER admitted only infrequent calls at Haus Vaterland since his vacating the chair.

As for his present employment, SAUTTER said that he was writing articles for the Texas Herald, as he met the publisher of this newspaper on his 1939 trip to Germany. These articles, according to SAUTTER, are written weekly and he has been pursuing this activity for about a year.

In answer to the question as to why the Bund did not dissolve when its activities, according to SAUTTER, were frowned upon by the German Government, SAUTTER argued that the German Government had no right to dictate the policies of the Bund and as long as the United States Government did not order a dissolution, then the Bund had a right to continue. No further information of value was received from SAUTTER which would be pertinent to this report.

On July 8, 1942, KARL HERMANN SAUTTER met with confidential source of information T-2 and advised that he was presently residing at 1128 George Street, Chicago, Illinois; that his business had been that of an importer of wholesale drugs, having been affiliated with the Leo Products Company at Chicago, Illinois and that this firm was originally a German Company. SAUTTER listed his birth place as Tuebingen, Germany and the year, 1900. He recalled that he left Germany in 1923 to proceed to Belgium where he worked for a time then going to Paris, later arriving in London where he worked until 1928. At this time, SAUTTER returned to Germany and he sailed for the United States in 1929. Going over his activities in the United States since 1929, SAUTTER advised that he worked here in his spare time on a patent for a wing stabilizer and in 1931, he went to England in order to sell this patent. This venture, however, according to SAUTTER, was unsuccessful as more modern methods had superseded his invention. In the same year, SAUTTER returned to Germany to see his parents and arrived back in the United States in 1932. Returning to the United States in 1932, SAUTTER explained that the A. O. Smith Company of Milwaukee was at that time out of business and so he affiliated himself with the Leo Products Company. SAUTTER further recalled that he went back to Germany in 1933 and 1939 both of which times were for the purpose of attempting to gain employment as a possible exporting manager for some of the German firms.

Concerning Nazi officials whom SAUTTER met, he admitted that he saw a RUDOLPH HESS for a period of about twenty-five seconds in Munich in 1939. This short period of time did not allow SAUTTER to carry on any conversation with HESS but he was merely introduced to him. SAUTTER admitted further that he met Nazi officials connected with the Verein Deutschland Ausland and these officials advised that the Bund in America was in disfavoritism as a result of the Friends of New Germany having paraded around in New York much to the dislike of the State Department and a complaint was registered with the German Commissioner. As a result of this, the German authorities promised to have all of the German citizens removed from subject organization.

SAUTTER recalled having been summoned before the German Counsel JAEGER and JAEGER entrusted SAUTTER with the delicate mission of having non-citizens removed from the Friends of New Germany. According to SAUTTER, these instructions, at SAUTTER'S request, were set out in writing but after several days consideration, SAUTTER decided against following out these orders. SAUTTER gave the date of his application as October 1937 and said that FRITZ GISSIBL had left the Chicago Chapter without a leader about this date. It is to be noted, however, that SAUTTER was definitely wrong concerning this date as FRITZ GISSIBL had left Chicago in December of 1936. Because the Chicago Chapter was without a Unit Leader, SAUTTER offered to substitute as Chicago Unit Leader and moreover offered to open a school which no one else wished to do. SAUTTER further promised to remain as head of the Chicago Chapter for only one month and according to SAUTTER'S own words, he said, "When the year is over I'm going to file my second papers and somebody else will have to take over that organization. If you don't have anybody then I'm going to step out. Then I stepped out on May 1." He identified the year as 1936.

one HANS HOHLERS as the treasurer of subject organization.

Questioned by Confidential Source of Information T-3, Dr. WILLUMEIT admitted that he had made reference to HITLER's form of government in his speeches and also considered HITLER's government entirely practical but denied that he ever said that HITLER's government should prevail in the United States. The former unit leader, however, would not admit distributing propaganda, or at least any propaganda which emanated from Germany, but said that it was all printed in the United States. He recalled, however, "The pamphlets were partly published by NEWTON JENKINS, by PELLEY and by EDMONSON. I think those were about the pamphlets we distributed." Dr. WILLUMEIT shifted responsibility of distribution of some pamphlets to the Teutonia Publishing Company, from which he shied away from all responsibility. Dr. WILLUMEIT verified that one WILLIAM KURZ was head of the Teutonia Publishing Company and that he distributed pamphlets up to the beginning of 1939 and that these pamphlets were then sold by one WILLIAM WERNECKE. According to WILLUMEIT, WERNECKE was technically not a Bund member as, having failed to pay his dues for two consecutive months, he was forced to drop out. Dr. WILLUMEIT expressed his belief that WERNECKE was expelled from the Bund, in addition, for outside activities with individuals like HEALY and HOMER MAERZ.

The name HUGO LUETJE was brought up at this time, and WILLUMEIT advised that he was a Bund member and, also, an officer in the O.D. Concerning the activities of the O.D., WILLUMEIT advised that it was the custom of the O.D. to wear a uniform and that the O.D. drilled in teams but explained that this drilling consisted of calisthenics. After some discussion, WILLUMEIT admitted that they also did a left face and a right face but used no manual of arms drill. He denied that there was any goose step.

T-2 read to Dr. WILLUMEIT the following heading, which was placed on the application blank of prospective Bund members, which read:

"I am hereby declaring by joining the American League of the Friends of New Germany the aims and purposes of this League are known to me, and I shall make it my duty to support it unreservedly. I acknowledge the Principle of Leadership according to which the League is dedicated. I am of Aryan descent and free of Jewish or colored infusion."

Dr. WILLUMEIT said that this statement was used before his time. At this time Dr. WILLUMEIT remarked about the dropping of the hyphen in the phrase "German American," which took place after 1938.

T-3 brought out the point that the German American Bund lays heavy stress on the "Principle of Leadership." Dr. WILLUMEIT agreed that this leadership clause was a necessary part of the oath due to the fact that the leader has the right to appoint members, officers, to accept applications, to dismiss them; that he has the right to dispose of the property of the

On August 31, 1942, Dr. OTTO WILLUMEIT consulted with Confidential Source of Information T-1 and advised that he was born in Saareburg, Loraine, on November 28, 1905. He explained that at that time Loraine was under the German Government, but then it was returned to France and he came here under a German passport but was admitted under the French quota. He stated that he had been educated at Soligen in the Rhineland and that his father was a German official, being one of the five Postmaster Generals. Dr. WILLUMEIT recalled that he entered the United States in 1925 and came directly to his sister in Hammond, Indiana. From 1927 to 1932 he studied at the Central College of Arts and Sciences in Chicago under Dean BALDUF, and he returned to Cologne, Germany, in 1933 to enter medical school. He explained that he spent three years at the University of Cologne and in 1935 and 1936 studied at the University of Innsbruck in Austria. Later he attended the University of Bonn, from which he was graduated. He further explained that he served no internship there but returned to America, hoping to enter the University of Illinois or Northwestern but was unable to do so as preference was being given to students who were graduates of American colleges. Throughout Dr. WILLUMEIT's conversation with T-1, he expressed the belief that he had been discriminated against when he was unable to enter any American hospital.

Confidential Source of Information T-2 brought out the fact that as Dr. WILLUMEIT travelled throughout Germany he must have seen HITLER's influence being felt as HITLER is now taking over. Dr. WILLUMEIT did not answer this suggestion of T-2.

As regards the funds which Dr. WILLUMEIT was using, he explained that these had been furnished to him through inheritance from his father, who died in 1922, and some of the funds were his own.

Dr. WILLUMEIT recalled that he had joined the Chicago Technical Society in 1927 or 1928 and that this Society was composed of technical and professional men and, further, that this Society was purely a German group of German Americans. As a result of his membership in this Society, Dr. WILLUMEIT was asked to lecture before same, and later he was asked to lecture before the Bund, which he joined in 1937. Dr. WILLUMEIT listed one ARMIN HOLPER as the individual who had requested him to speak before subject organization. Dr. WILLUMEIT said that he also lectured before the German American Vocational League concerning the liberal movement of Austria and, also, concerning the Home Guards, in addition to the monarchist movement, which was then very unpopular in Austria. He explained that the so-called "dictatorship" in Austria was under the influence of the Home Guard, which was made up of the Catholic organizations in Austria as opposed to the former national Socialist organization and the Prince Otto movement, the monarchistic movement. In conjunction with his membership in subject organization, WILLUMEIT denied that he was ever a treasurer of the Bund or that he held any office in 1937, despite the fact that the records of the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank, according to T-2, reflect that Dr. WILLUMEIT was the treasurer. WILLUMEIT mentioned

organization. According to WILLUMEIT, the members had to recognize the leader whether they believed him right or wrong.

T-2 attempted to gather further information from WILLUMEIT concerning the activities of the O.D. In addition to that which has already been stated, Dr. WILLUMEIT agreed that as head of the Chicago unit of subject organization he was honorary head of the O.D. and that the members of the O.D. were there for the purpose of keeping order and protecting the members at public gatherings. Dr. WILLUMEIT listed one ANTONE KIEFER as local leader of the O.D. Dr. WILLUMEIT wanted to impress T-2 with the statement that the O.D. was separate and distinct from the storm trooper of Germany even though his duties were that of "chief bouncer," as Dr. WILLUMEIT stated they could be called. WILLUMEIT explained that it was not necessary to swear fealty in joining the O.D., that there was no testimony attached to the initiation other than the offering of a toast to a new member.

An interesting comment to be observed is that Dr. WILLUMEIT gave his opinion that both ANTONE KIEFER and RICHART OHRT, O.D. members, showed their loyal American citizenship by joining the Bund, which was instrumental in fostering friendship and understanding for the new Germany in relation to the United States. When the subject of "New Germany" was brought up, Dr. WILLUMEIT took issue with T-2 by stating that New Germany may have persecuted the Jews but not the Poles or Belgians because the action against the two latter groups was the result of military action. Dr. WILLUMEIT defended New Germany's action in part by saying that in the occupation of the Rhineland Zulus and Sengalese were brought in to persecute and rape the German women. Thus, explained WILLUMEIT, the German American Bund was founded to counteract the anti-German propaganda by bringing truth to the American people. Dr. WILLUMEIT admitted that he did not know what was going on in Germany as he had not been there in ten years, and T-2 asked him how anyone then could satisfactorily discuss relations between two countries if one had no knowledge of Germany's condition or feeling at that time.

Dr. WILLUMEIT reviewed the purpose of Haus Vaterland Corporation by saying that primarily it was organized so that he could make a living. He agreed to 90% ownership of the stock and said that he had invested about \$2,000 in cash in the building, which was valued at approximately \$18,000. At this time it was stated by WILLUMEIT that the Bund disbanded December 17, 1941, and a national trustee committee of five men was formed to liquidate the business of the Bund and to carry on the legal matters of said organization. WILLUMEIT listed himself not only as a Bund member and officer but also as a member of the Concordia Male Chorus, which had its headquarters at Haus Vaterland. WILLUMEIT recalled that the singing society had been revived in 1937 under the direction of PETER GISSIBL, unit leader at that time. It should be noted that written material containing the title "Concordia Male Chorus" submitted in this report shows a swastika

and preached against United States participation in the European conflict. At this time the name DIAZ was mentioned, and WILLUMET recalled that this individual had spoken at the Haus Vaterland and that the vein of his talk was anti-Semitic, anti-British and strongly isolationist, plus anti-administration. WILLUMET agreed that the aims and purposes of the "American Rangers" were in part the same as the aims and purposes of subject organization, and for this reason WILLUMET lent his support. However, the meeting of the "American Rangers" which WILLUMET admitted attending he said he found of no interest and therefore left early. This meeting was in the spring of 1941, which was the last time WILLUMET admitted seeing DIAZ.

Along with the discussion of propaganda, WILLUMET related that the printed matter which emanated from Germany was sent out by the Fichte Bund of Germany, with which a man named PFAUS was connected, according to WILLUMET. PFAUS up to 1937 or 1938 was a resident of Chicago, Illinois. These propaganda leaflets entered the United States by some unknown method and were available at a table at the Haus Vaterland. Dr. WILLUMET recalled, however, that some propaganda came directly to him from Germany by way of United States mail, addressed to the local leader of subject organization and at times to the Teutonia Publishing Company.

Concerning the various divisions of the Bund, WILLUMET said that subject organization was divided into the men's group, namely the regular Bund members, the women's group (Frauenshaft) and prospective Citizens League. In addition, the children had their Jugendschaft, headed in 1938 or 1939 by one CARL HOERNER BACH, a young man about twenty-eight or twenty-nine years' old. In connection with the Jugendschaft it was explained by WILLUMET that there was both a male and a female organization with individual uniforms. Concerning the boys' group, it was explained that they wore khaki shirt, neckerchief, short trousers, overseas cap and below-the-knee stockings. In short, WILLUMET agreed that there was little difference between the Jugendschaft in America and that in Germany and that as a matter of fact they were practically identical. For their camp activities the Jugendschaft attended Camp Hindenburg in Wisconsin and, also, Camp Von Steuben in Bridgman, Michigan. WILLUMET explained that the flag visible at the youth camp was a triangle with the black form of a runic design on it. WILLUMET did not elaborate on this explanation but merely said that the letter "S" was also printed on the flag, which represented the German runic sign "Sigal." WILLUMET denied, however, that the flag had any symbol representing any part of the swastika. He further denied that Nazi philosophy was part of the instructions given to the Jugendschaft but did agree, however, that historical instruction did give them an inkling into present-day Germany.

WILLUMET stated that the female group of the Jugendschaft was under the leadership of one Frau FALLER, presently interned as an alien enemy. WILLUMET went on to say that during the winter the young people met at

plainly imprinted on same.

On September 1, 1942, WILLUMEIT again met with T-1 and a discussion took place regarding WILLIAM WERNECKE; presently under indictment on a Selective Service charge as a conscientious objector, and Dr. WILLUMEIT recalled that WERNECKE had been a classmate of his in the College of Arts and Sciences, and he therefore recognized WERNECKE when the latter attended a meeting of the Bund. WILLUMEIT explained that WERNECKE fell into disfavor with him because after WERNECKE had been expelled from the Bund he had used WILLUMEIT's name as a "plugger," according to WILLUMEIT, for rallies of which WILLUMEIT had no knowledge.

Questioned as to the identity of one ERNEST SCHARF, WILLUMEIT listed him as a German American Bund member in 1937 and said that later on SCHARF became an associate of WERNECKE and often visited WERNECKE's farm. WILLUMEIT opined that SCHARF attempted to get young boys from the Jugendschaft to go out to WERNECKE's farm to get riding instructions. SCHARF, according to WILLUMEIT, was a member of the O.D. and organizer of the group known as "Committee of Patriotic Organizations." Further information was gathered concerning WILLIAM WERNECKE when Dr. WILLUMEIT recalled that in 1938 at a convention of subject organization in New York it was decided to discontinue distribution of foreign pamphlets and to distribute only American printed books and so forth. In conjunction with this, there was one Dr. HANS DIEBEL, owner of the Aryan Book Store, Los Angeles, California, who forwarded to WILLIAM WERNECKE in Chicago at 3855 Western Avenue, namely at the Haus Vaterland, many pamphlets which WERNECKE was to distribute. Dr. WILLUMEIT said that WERNECKE did not pay for these pamphlets and, therefore, it was necessary to call WERNECKE to the Bund headquarters to explain to him that the Haus Vaterland had nothing to do with these DIEBEL publications. This incident furthered the poor feeling which existed between WILLUMEIT and WERNECKE. WILLUMEIT had no proof but gave as his opinion the statement that there must have been some connection between Dr. DIEBEL's Aryan Book Store and the German American Bund. According to WILLUMEIT, WERNECKE had charge of these DIEBEL pamphlets at the table set aside for such at the Haus Vaterland and overstepped his bounds by taking the pamphlets outside the confines of the Bund headquarters.

It was further ascertained by this interview with WILLUMEIT that WERNECKE ordered books from other United States publishers and had them delivered care of Aryan Book Store, Chicago, Illinois. The bills for same were in turn sent to Haus Vaterland, but the books themselves went to WERNECKE personally.

Concerning his attitude toward foreign entanglements, the former unit leader admitted that he tried to offset the growing sympathy for England, which was predominant in the United States prior to the entry of the United States into the war. WILLUMEIT called himself an extreme isolationist

Haus Vaterland from six to eight in the evening. Questioned regarding the origin of the uniforms, WILLUMEIT advised that the uniforms for the children were maintained at the headquarters in New York. WILLUMEIT further admitted that the children were imbued with the Nazi spirit as doubtlessly they would be after seeing so much propaganda, but WILLUMEIT said that he was against such practice and said he discontinued it after coming into office. Later this change took place at the national convention in New York, but the uniforms remained the same. Despite the fact that WILLUMEIT admitted that he was against preaching the Nazi philosophy to the children, he admitted that he at no time issued any formal statement that the young people should not be given any information on Nazi principles due to the fact that the Jugendschaft was under the direction of a national youth leader. Speaking of various youth leaders, WILLUMEIT made known his opinion that various national youth leaders returned to Germany to receive instructions in the HITLER youth movement and stated that such was the practice at least up to 1939 but not later than this date due to conditions over there.

T-2 asked Dr. WILLUMEIT "Regardless of these conditions or what action the convention took, the national headquarters of the German American Bund in this country nevertheless thought it sufficiently necessary to have the leaders of the youth movement in this country go back to Germany to be brought up to date on what policies of the National Socialist Party should be taught with reference to children?" and Dr. WILLUMEIT answered in the affirmative. WILLUMEIT opinioned that the children were taught to admire HITLER as the savior of Germany and to admire him as a great man. It was further learned that since the mothers of these children had this philosophy it was natural to assume that the children were likewise imbued with it.

At this time T-2 made this inquiry:

"So, for the purposes of discussion, now, Doctor, the principles of training children, picking children with young, immature minds, flexible minds, and training them in the principles of Nazism and the aims and purposes of that form of government-- that is a wise thing to do if you want to train them in the principles of Nazism?"

WILLUMEIT answered "That is right." When T-2 asked if this were not the purpose of the organization, WILLUMEIT again answered in the affirmative by saying "It was indeed."

WILLUMEIT at the same time related that children were instilled with the ideas and purposes of Nazism so that they could grow up and continue the policies of the mother organization as such.

Concerning the various divisions of subject organization, WILLUMEIT touched upon:

1. Prospective Citizens League of the German American Bund.
In order to become a member of this League WILLUMETIT advised that it was necessary that one have his first papers, that his application be filed with the Bund leader and that the records of the applicant be forwarded to New York.
2. Sympathizers League. Members of this group likewise filed an application although they could not vote; nor could they attend membership meetings but merely the open meetings. In addition to this, members of this League could not elect a delegate. As for the purpose of joining this Sympathizers League, WILLUMETIT advised that some individuals did not wish to be officially listed as Bund members but they could join this League and still enjoy many of the privileges of full-fledged Bund members.

In conjunction with the word "sympathizer," it is known to Reporting Agent through his knowledge of Bund affairs that the common term used by German-speaking people in reference to a sympathizer is namely "Ein Foerderer." This term means one who furthers the organization or advances its principles. According to Dr. WILLUMETIT, the oath taken by a Sympathizer is as follows:

"I hereby register as a Sympathizer of the German American Bund. The aims and purposes are known to me, and I obligate myself to support it to the best of my ability. I am of Aryan descent, free from Jewish or colored blood."

Dr. WILLUMETIT said that the address of the Sympathizer need not be listed and that if the person so wished he could use a pseudonym instead of his real name. Another advantage in belonging to the Sympathizers League rather than being a full-fledged member was in the filing of an employment application, at which time the individual could say he was not a member of the German American Bund. The former unit leader replied in the affirmative when he was asked if it was not true that these Sympathizers for all practical purposes were in reality members of the Bund as far as the unit leader was concerned, that revenue was obtained from them, that they were present at all meetings and there was indoctrinated in them the aims and purposes of the Bund. Dr. WILLUMETIT could not venture a guess as to the names of any Sympathizers.

T-2 had in his possession the following oath, which is set out in the application blank of the regular Bund member:

"As a member of the German American Bund I recognize the Leadership Principle which has been fundamental in the Bund since it was conceived and in accordance with which it is conducted."

"Consequently, I personally know that all responsibility is upward and that whoever is the incumbent of the office of national leader renders the final decision in all matters pertaining to the movement and has absolute power of ownership over the Bund, its policies and monetary or other property, such power abating only while the national convention is in session. I take no oath of any kind as a Bund member or member of its subdivisions but pledge myself to obey the orders of my superiors in the organization. I shall utter no criticism of leaders except in their presence and shall never involve other members or officers or the outside world in any such matter. I am fully aware that the movement is not limited to the Unit but that primarily loyalty is due the Bund as such, personified in two national leaders."

T-2 discussed with the former unit leader the wording "Leadership Principle," and WILLUMEIT came to the conclusion that such a leadership was inconsistent with the democratic form of government. T-2 asked WILLUMEIT to reconcile the statement that the German American Bund was a patriotic organization when they adopted a principle so stated in the oath. WILLUMEIT admitted that he could not reconcile it. T-2 then asked "Would you say, then, on its face, that a person joining the G.A.B. and taking an oath to observe the Leadership Principle was in effect joining an organization that was operating contrary to the principles of democracy?" The reply given by WILLUMEIT was "Yes." Thus, the Leadership Principle alone should cause a man to hesitate about joining an organization which furthered the government of a dictator alien to our own was an admitted fact by WILLUMEIT. WILLUMEIT agreed, also, that there would be no German American Bund as such if HITLER had not come into power. It was, moreover, WILLUMEIT's opinion that if there also had been no boycott against German goods, German individuals and German beliefs, then there would be no G.A.B.

T-2 reviewed the history of the Bund, and it was agreed by WILLUMEIT that the Bund was an outgrowth of the new form of government in Germany as was evidenced by the fact that the G.A.B. grew out of the Friends of New Germany. It was also brought out by WILLUMEIT before T-1 that the application form used in subject organization displayed a swastika, and WILLUMEIT was asked how in his estimation he could reconcile the fact that if the G.A.B. meant to be a patriotic organization the swastika was so openly displayed on the application form.

Speaking of the rule on resignation, it was learned that a member could write out his resignation and forward same to the unit leader but that the officers from the group leader to the national officers had to submit their resignations when they were sworn into office. This rule, according to WILLUMEIT, has been in effect in 1940. Concerning the use of the swastika on any application blank and how the use of same could be

reconciled with the democratic form of government, WILLUMET according to T-2, continued to "beg the question" and evaded the issue, and WILLUMET concluded the discussion by saying that the forms were sent out by the national headquarters and he, WILLUMET, had nothing to do with their printing but merely accepted the form as such.

T-2 continued to read further items found in the pledge, which were as follows:

"The Bund exists to fight for a truly sovereign USA under the Constitution, ruled in accordance with Aryan Christian precepts, in which the great German element shall have the right to its traditional, cultural heritage and to proper representation in the political and economic life of the nation. In the service of this cause I pledge:

1. To unreservedly observe the rules, regulations and commands of the movement and to further true, unselfish comradeship among all members and officers
2. To earnestly study the civic, political and economic institutions and conditions in my vicinity and throughout the country, thereby to enhance my value as a citizen and Bund member
3. To subject all my other personal interests to the requirements of the Bund
4. To strive constantly at every opportunity to win friends and members for this our Movement with words, writings and deeds and by everywhere evidencing the personal attitude and courage which I should expect of every exemplary member.

"I hereby declare that my above statements are correct. I am aware that I will not be eligible for membership in the Bund until I have been a registered Sympathizer for six months and that my application can be rejected without any reasons being given. Should I at any time or for any reason leave or be expelled from the Bund, I promise faithfully to immediately return any moneys or property of the Movement which may have been entrusted to me, as well as my proofs of membership and office (cards, books, passes, pins, insignia) to the G.A.B. in good condition and without charge. I agree that all dues and fees paid by me shall be retained by the G.A.B. to cover administrative costs."

WILLUMET opinioned that the above pledge was not so strong as it would appear, and he doubted that all members took the pledge seriously. WILLUMET further opinioned that as things have come to pass he can see that such a

pledge is not typically American and is antagonistic to the purposes and very idea of our continued existence as a melting pot for all of those elements.

T-2 questioned WILLUMEIT regarding the MATHIESSEN incident at one of the lakes in Wisconsin, which incident related to an individual by the name of MATHIESSEN who had jumped into the lake fully clothed in order to show that he was obedient to all of the commands given by a Bund leader. WILLUMEIT advised that he had been informed of this incident, that he was at the lake at the time it took place but that he had given no orders to MATHIESSEN and that what took place was merely a childish prank.

T-2 showed WILLUMEIT three cartoons, namely: "History Repeats," "The Answer to the Betrayal," and "America on the March." WILLUMEIT recalled that he had not only seen the plates for these cartoons but had received from 2,000 to 5,000 copies of these for distribution from the Market Printing Company, Chicago, Illinois. The individual connected with the Market Printing Company directly responsible for these cartoons was listed by WILLUMEIT as one KURT KRAUSE. According to WILLUMEIT, some of these cartoons had been sent to New York, some to the Midwest leader, PROBOESE, and some were left at the Haus Vaterland. According to WILLUMEIT, the plates were in turn sent to the A.V. Publishing Company in New York with the idea that they might be used in publications of the "Free American." In addition, there was one plate forwarded to HERMAN SCHWYNN on the West Coast, SCHWYNN being the West Coast leader. WILLUMEIT said that he received the impression from KURT KRAUSE that the plates were set up by the "America First Committee" and that the artist doing the work was one Mr. DANIELS, whom Dr. WILLUMEIT recalled seeing in Washington, D. C. According to T-2, however, an individual by the name of OTTO BRENNEMAN was the artist and not DANIELS.

A short discussion took place concerning one Mr. MORANETZ, and WILLUMEIT remembered that he had met MORANETZ and his Ukrainian Hetman Society at one of the Bund affairs and later at the German Day Celebration in 1938, which was handled at the Ukrainian National Park on Higgins Road. WILLUMEIT described the Hetman Unit as a Ukrainian Fascist organization working for the independence of the Ukraine.

GERMAN AMERICAN BUSINESS LEAGUE

WILLUMEIT asserted that the German American Business League was a subsidiary of the G.A.B. but that membership in the League did not necessarily mean membership in the G.A.B. WILLUMEIT explained that merchants who were affiliated with the Business League merely subscribed to the services of the League. WILLUMEIT cited one MICHAEL BELDEN as a Bund member up to

1940 or 1941, also a Dr. WALTER SILGE, a Bund member in 1940, as being affiliated with the Business League. According to WILLUMET, PAUL VARNHOLTZ was a member of the Business League of the Friends of New Germany but under WILLUMET's reign was not a Bund member. WILLUMET explained that the stamps issued in connection with the Business League carried the word "FDND," which according to WILLUMET means Freunde des neuen Deutschland. This word, according to WILLUMET, was used long after the Friends of New Germany had gone out of existence. The reason for the use of same was due to the fact that money was not available to have the proper cuts made, and thus old stamps were used. In order to show this title in code, the word "Efdnde" was used.

On July 8, 1942 Dr. FREDERICK WILHELM WALTER PENNINGS DORF was in conference with Confidential Source of Information T1 and he advised that his address was 5300 Lieb Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that his occupation was that of dentist. PENNINGS DORF gave as his place of birth Magdeburg, Germany, and the date of birth March 20, 1880. PENNINGS DORF explained how he had left Germany in 1904 or 1905; that he had returned to Germany in 1908, coming back to America again in 1911 to pursue his studies at Northwestern University. After studying for three years. PENNINGS DORF was advised that he would never be a dentist. As in the case of Dr. OTTO WILLMEIT, PENNINGS DORF believed that prejudice had been shown against him as he had failed three times in State Board examinations and as a result of this instituted an investigation carried on by himself. He finally graduated from the College of Dental Surgery in 1916. PENNINGS DORF explained that he had been a member of the G.A.B. 1934 and 1935 and that he was one of the so-called "bouncers" to promote peace at the meetings. PENNINGS DORF admitted that he had received the booklet "Facts in Review" for a two-year period and he further admitted receiving literature from Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLING presently in Washington being tried on a sedition charge. PENNINGS DORF agreed that he had received the literature published by one Mr. DEATHERAGE who was known to have published various items under the Knights of the White Camilia. It has also been ascertained that DEATHERAGE is presently under an indictment on a sedition charge. In addition to the above-mentioned facts, no further information of any value was obtained from PENNINGS DORF during his conference with T1.

During most of the above-mentioned interviews some information was received which pertained to various individual members of the Bund. It is not believed that this information is pertinent to this report, but the information is being set out in individual memorandums to be placed in the various subject files.

Representatives from the United States Department of Justice recently conferred with Confidential Source of Information T2 and selected a number of items which had been brought in by various members and representatives and a photostatic copy of each one of these items has been made and is being forwarded in this report as an enclosure. These exhibits have been identified and are listed from A through Z and also from AA through KK. Where it has been found necessary this material has been translated by Confidential Informant CGO 2 whose identity is known to the Bureau. An explanation of each exhibit is as follows:

Exhibit A is a pamphlet concerning "The Youth Front" issued by the German Youth Organization of the German American Bund dated July 1, 1936. The opening paragraph translated into English is

THE YOUTH MARCHES ON
Successful Events of the German Day
YOUTH ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION IN GERMAN DAY

This year's Day which was held on Sunday, June 14th in Soldiers Field began with the raising of two national flags, the Stars and Stripes, the American flag, and the Swastika, the flag of the new German Reich. Our entire Youth Organization took part in this celebration and it can assure itself that it created an exceptional impression." The editor goes on to say that a great deal of encouragement came from the spectators; that there was, however, some grumbling from people who could not understand what the swastika means. In addition to this, the editor remarks that at one time during the celebration the Youth Front were asked to give up their flag to assemble it with the flags of other nations, but they refused to do so. In addition to this the "Horst Wessel," German national anthem, was sung by the children and although it was not heard by everyone in the large amphitheater, sufficient number of people heard it to express their dissatisfaction.

The lower half of the page contains a poem which is translated as follows:

Forward, forward, go the light fanfares,
Forward, forward, youth knows no danger;
Germany you will be enlightened even
though we may perish
Forward, forward, the light flags are fluttering,
Forward, forward, youth knows no fear;
Even if the goal is yet so high.
Youth will still accomplish it.

Our flag waves on ahead,
In the future we go, man for man
We march for Hitler through night and through need
With the flags of youth for freedom and bread,

Our flag waves on ahead;
Our flag is the new day,
Our flag leads us to eternity,
Yes; the flag is more than the death!

The last stanza of this poem is similar to the rest, but it is significant that the last line reads "Fuehrer, we belong to you, we comrades!"

The line at the bottom of the first page exhorts the young people to join the youth movement.

On page 2 of this same pamphlet in the left-hand column is a story entitled "Happy Days on the Farm." This story merely portrays the feeling shown by a youth as he is allowed to give free vent to his happiness while working on a farm. Also on page 2 of the right-hand column there is set out instructions which are necessary for anyone who desires to join the youth movement. These instructions are titled "They Must Know How to Cook Water! The Thorough Building up of a New Generation." The first line says, "It is interesting and enthralling to follow the course which must be followed in the training of the children and the Hitler Youths." Below in the same column there are listed certain regulations under A, B, and C which explain that which is necessary for a youth to be able to accomplish in order to continue as a member of the Youth Front. It is further shown that in the schooling period the program includes "The Life of the Fuehrer," "German Abroad," "Territories Which Have Been Separated from Germany," "Holidays of the German People," "Five Flag Discourses." In addition to this the youth must learn six Hitler Youth songs some of which are "Brothers in Fighting and in the Lines," "The Grey Heaven," "Holy Fatherland." At the bottom of the same page there is a quotation, namely "German Youths - Buy German Goods!"

On page 3 there is a picture of a Hitler Youth carrying a flag and on the same page there are two swastikas pictured on the border.

On page 4 the German Youth is asked to report every Monday through Thursday evening at 7:00 in the business office of the Bund.

On the last page there is a story which concerns the shoemaker and how his art has flourished down through the years. In the column at the right-hand side of the last page there is a story entitled "Chatter of a B.D.G. Girl." This story explains how a very small girl came to America from Germany being unable to speak any English. She had a great longing for her mother tongue and found how rejoiced she was when she was able to join her young companions in the Youth Organization. It is significant that this young girl enjoys a theatrical at a meeting of a youth organization which is entitled "The World of the Now (Fra)

Time." The last item on the page is a poem which reads as follows:

"To girls, we also are among them
All of us stand in one row
In the battle for German morals
Be prepared to help, and pure and good
Be loyal and enthused about truth
That appears on our flag
So that a race may continue
Tall and happy and strong and nice
The new German youth."

Exhibit B is likewise a pamphlet issued for the Youth Front. The opening paragraph explains that the youth of German origin in America has much to learn, quoting directly, "Misunderstanding and mistrust concerning the old and also about the new fatherland do not fail to influence the youth. How important it is, therefore, that the young German element of America should be educated in the spirit of the new Germany. We do not wish to be better than the other fellow American citizens, but we refuse to permit that through evil influences of others the German name is attacked. We rise up against that with all our efforts and we are prepared to step back not an inch from this position; but in order to place this position on a sound and healthy basis we must, through means of comradeship, support that new German spirit and we must take it upon us that that be the aim and purpose of the German Youth Organization." Just above the picture of Hitler on Page 1 is the phrase, "Youth greets the Fuehrer of all Germany." The last item on Page 1 is a copy of the German national anthem, the "Horst Wessel Song."

On Page 2 it is explained that the newspaper, "The Youth Front," is to appear bi-monthly and it is the purpose of this newspaper to make known to the young people what their interests and wishes should be. It should be mentioned that in the last part of paragraph 3 the translation reads, "But we will concentrate upon the plan to serve the youth organization, and thereby the one great thing which all of us are serving, for, after all, the future of our movement is bound up with the youths something which our Fuehrer and many others have told us so often." In the right-hand column of Page 2 there is a story entitled "Experiences with German Youths Abroad." The writer explains how a young man far removed from his native country learned of the new movement which was then prevailing in Germany. In the left-hand column of Page 3 there was a report made on German Youth Day which took place June 6, 1936. The writer explains that the festival speech was delivered by the leader of the Bund, namely KARL SAUTTER. At the same time a telegram was received from Mayor KELLY of Chicago who wished the youth success. Following this there was a speaker, namely J. C. MAYERS BARDI E, vice-president of the National Youth Administration of the State of Illinois, who gave his full approval to that the youth organization had accomplished and uttered his best wishes for the future of the project. In addition to this

there was a presentation by the girl members of the group as well as the singing of youth songs. In the right-hand column of Page 3 there is a story which concerns the excellent work which was carried on by carrier pigeons during the last World War. The last item on Page 3 explains that the German youth in America do not greet in the ordinary way, but their salute is made with the right arm stretched forward at eyes' height and with the left hand on the hip.

On the last page there is a list of four people who it is explained died for Germany and who gave everything for Germany. In the lower left-hand part of the last page there is an article which concerns the goldsmith and how his art has flourished down through the ages.

Exhibit C is a folder entitled "Join the German-American Bund." Most of this pamphlet is in English, but, however, in the right-hand column of Page 2 there is a list of the various divisions of the German-American Bund which translated are as follows:

1. German Consumers' League -- to represent the business interests of the German element in the United States.
2. German newspaper "The Volkstut" -- to broadcast the truth about Germany; the medium of spiritual strength for the battle against unclean methods in politics and business in our new homeland.
3. German Youth Organization -- for the strengthening of body and mind of our youths.
4. Theodore Koerner School -- to foster German language and culture as a worthwhile existence for our children.
5. German Women's Organization -- to broaden the German woman in her social and general circles.
6. Front Fighters' Group of the A. V. to foster German comrades and companions originated through the associations in the World War.
7. Concordia Men's Choral Society -- for the maintenance of the German song as the finest outward expression of German life.

It is further explained in this pamphlet that if one is to be entitled to membership in the Bund he must be an American citizen, a prospective citizen of Aryan blood, and of good reputation -- he must be willing to support the Bund as an active member in its principles unreservedly. It is stated here that one's activities within the Bund are only of social character.

Exhibit D is a poster explaining the German Folk Festival Day, namely June 18, 1939. This poster advertises RUTZ LUMM, national leader, as one of the speakers in addition to Rev. J. C. FITTING, New York. The poster also advertises military concert and folk dancing.

Exhibit E is self-explanatory and advertises a German Day celebration held on Sunday, June 9, 1940:

Exhibit F is a poster advertising the first showing of the great moving picture of new Germany, namely "Horst Wessel."

Exhibit G is written entirely in English and shows the form used in the "Certificate of Indebtedness" of the Teus Vaterland, Inc.

Exhibit H is a booklet composed of seven double pages, the first page of which shows the picture of Hitler and underneath it there is a German inscription which translated means "We Germans honor ourselves when we honor the leader of the German people. Page 2 is composed of the German national anthem, namely the "Horst Wessel" song; the "Star Spangled Banner," and the German song "Germany over All."

Page 3 in the left-hand column is a poem by WILLIAM RALBE entitled "To Work." The purpose of this poem is merely to exhort the German to greater effort, to work with head and hand with all his might. On the right-hand side of Page 3 is a poem entitled "The Brain Thinks, The Hands Accomplish." There is nothing significant in the purpose of this poem. On Page 4 is the program to be carried out which lists a number of German classical songs which are listed to be sung. Page 5 is an address entitled "To The German People." This address reads as follows: "In November, 1918, as the German people - finding trust in President Wilson's fourteen points - and after four and one-half years of successful war, a war which they never wanted, and as they put down their arms, they thought thereby that they had performed a service to all suffering mankind. The heaviest sufferers among those who suffered of this needless war were the German people who greedily reached out for the promised new understanding among nations which they thought would come about through the planned pact which was to do away with secret diplomacy, the cabinet politics, which was to end all wars. The painful thing of putting down their arms seemed to millions of Germans as the great sacrifice which they would have to make in order, once and for always, to spare the world of such horrible things.

"The idea of a league of nations found no greater response among any people than it did among the Germans. The Germans not only accepted the theory but they fulfilled it in every respect. The German people and especially the leaders of the then German government were convinced that the treaty of Versailles which called for the Armistice, were convinced that this was the beginning of what was to be an association of nations. For only in such a two-sided pact, contributed to by both sides, could the pact of this kind be carried out successfully, for if it was to be a one-sided treaty it would bring about nothing more than an eternal discrimination and subjecting that nation to a minority country among the great nations.

"However, thereby the treaty itself did not actually bring about a peace but it was a continuation of the inner struggle of nations and it actually meant that it was only the beginning of another world disturbance."

"Germany fulfilled the requirements set forth by the Inter-Allied Control Commission. The Commission demanded the destruction of the German armed force and it called for:

- 59,897 Cannons and tubes
- 130,538 Machine guns
- 31,470 Mine throwers
- 6,007,000 guns (small arms?)
- 243,001 Lafetten - Carriages (gun)
- 4,390 Lafetten - Carriages
- 38,750,000 Rifles & rounds of ammunition
- 16,550,000 Handgrenades
- 60,400,000 sharp - detonation caps
- 491,000,000 Small arms ammunition
- 335,000 Tons Shell casings
- 23,515 Tons Cartridge casings
- 37,600 Tons of powder
- 79,500 Munitions Dumps
- 212,000 Telephones
- 1,072 Flame throwers
- 31 Armored trucks
- 59 Tanks
- 1,762 Observation trucks
- 8,982 Wireless stations
- 1,240 Field bakeries
- 2,199 Pontoons
- 982 Tons of equipment for soldiers
- 8/230,350 Pieces of equipment for soldiers
- 7,300 Pistols and revolvers
- 180 sleds (sledges)
- 21 Mobile work shops
- 12 Air defense wagons
- 11 Protzers (Gun carriages or tracks)
- 64,000 Steel Helmets
- 174,000 Gas masks
- 2,500 Machines of the former war industry
- 8,000 Gun carriages

Air Service:

- 15,714 Pursuit and bombing planes
- 27,757 Plane motors

"Navy

Destroyed, taken over, sunk or wrecked war
items of the navy;

26 Major battle ships

4 Coastal panzers

4 Panzer cruisers

19 Small cruisers

21 Schooling and special ships

83 Torpedo Boats

315 Submarines

"Remarks concerning the army and air force equipment. In addition, the demand was made that all motorized equipment as well as gas defense and offensive material be destroyed; also, search lights, defense erections, optical equipment of all kinds; harness for horses; field printing plants, field kitchens, munitions transport wagons, steel helmets, normal and special machinery for the war industry and, in addition, power plants, (weather?) indicators as well as airplane and airship hangars.

"After all this had been done the German people had a right to expect the same action by the others. For:

"Germany was disarmed. In the peace treaty it specified definitely that Germany had to disarm in order, therefore (thereby) to prepare for a general disarmament; that means, thereby it was maintained that only with the beginning in Germany, as regards disarmament, could a general disarmament program be undertaken.

"The German nation of that time, as well as its people, was, at that time, imbued with the same spirit of pacifism as the democracies of the League of Nations. But, while Germany, the one side, did its duty the other side however did not do it; that means, simply that the victors took a one-sided attitude of the Versailles Treaty and absolved themselves of its provisions.

"It wasn't enough that Germany was totally disarmed; no, but the defense manufacture on the other side never even stopped; to the contrary, a whole row of other nations immediately continued their manufacture in the open. The new machines of destruction which were founded in the war were now built anew in peace time. In the department of panzer wagons and war planes mighty and novel contraptions were built, machines of the most devastating kind. New giant artillery was built and now fire throwing and gas war implements were built.

"Since then the world has resumed a war-cry as if there never had been a Treaty of Versailles and as if there never had been a world war.

"In the midst of this great war manufacture and while these new-modelled machines of destruction were being built Germany itself, however, was an empty room. It

"had turned over every type of war machine, every implement of war was given over. The German people remember the misfortune and suffering of those fifteen years and the economic, political and qualitative depression.

"It was natural, therefore, that Germany should begin to insist upon the fulfillment of the treaty on the part of the others.

"For this is clear:

"One hundred years of peace wouldn't only be well with the world but it would bring it a great blessing. But, the world cannot endure another 100 years of victors and vanquished.

"But the desire for a moral and necessary international disarmament was alive not only in the minds of the Germans but it also existed in the minds of many other nations. The urge for disarmament resulted in conferences pertaining to the curtailment of arms and thereby a general equalization agreement among nations.

"The plan of MacDonald is one of these disarmament programs which we can well recall.

"Germany was prepared to adopt this plan and to enter into such pacts with the nations.

"Germany shuddered at the refusal of the other nations to adopt it, and the new German regime in its Festive Declaration of December, 1932, when it was denied equality among nations, decided that further efforts along these lines, as well as membership in the League of Nations, were without purpose.

"But even after leaving the Geneva agreement the Germans still were prepared to make even other proposals which were advanced by still other nations, and it also made proposals of its own. It adopted the measures of other states, that of entering into non-aggression pacts and of making treaties to go to the aid of other countries if they are attacked, and thereby also steps to assure the peace.

"Germany was prepared to curtail its army from a plan which required lengthy service to one which would call for short military duty. Germany's proposals of the winter of 1933-1934 were practical and could have been carried out. But the refusals of Italy and England and other countries indicated plainly that the other side of Versailles Treaty was not willing to carry out its partnership.

"Under these circumstances the German government saw fit, on its own part, to meet the necessary needs which, in the last end, meant to cast off and free itself of the betraying agreement and discontinue the status of being a great (large) nation without arms.

"In that it proceeded quite like the words contained in the last speech made by Minister Baldwin wherein he said so truthfully, 'A country which is not prepared to take the necessary steps, which doesn't have the foresight to prepare for its own defense, will never be a world power, whether from the standpoint of morals or materialism.'

"But the current German regime strives for only one moral and physical might; that is the might of the Reich and thereby to keep the peace for itself and for all Europe.

"In this connection it has done still more, within its power, for the maintenance of peace:

"1. It has arranged non-aggression pacts with all of its neighboring states.

"2. With its neighboring state to the east it has sought a working arrangement and it has found it, which, thanks to the willingness to meet it, it has for always cleared the atmosphere which was poisoned by Germany again becoming a world power, and it has concluded a lasting understanding and friendship among the two people.

"3. It has given France the official assurance that after the Saarland has been taken back that it has no more territorial ambitions on France. Thereby it feels it has once and for always put an end to the centuries old enmity between the two nations, and thereby it has made a heavy sacrifice in the way of political and material concessions.

"But, to its regret the German nation must now observe that for the past several months other nations have been increasing their arms production. It sees the creation of a Soviet-Russia army of 101 divisions; that means, 960,000 men in peace-time, a situation which is not in keeping with the text of the Versailles Treaty.

"It sees endeavors being made by still other nations, measures of a similar kind, all of which are contrary to the proclamations of that time. The German nation is not willing to bring this to the attention of the other nations. Germany alone must construe that France, since it has now firmly decided upon a two-year military service, has decided not to adhere to the plan of a short military service.

"This, however, was a proposal made by the German government.

"Under these circumstances, the German government finds it an impossibility, in the interest of the security of the German Reich, to longer continue this plan or even to keep itself hidden away in the recognition among nations.

"Therefore, if the German government replies to the expressed wish of Minister Baldwin, in his speech of November 28, 1934, for a clarification of Germany's intentions, then this is it:

"1. To give the German people the assurance, and to confirm this with the other nations, (it is said that) to preserve the honor and the security of the German Reich from now on Germany will rely upon its own might and upon the might of the German nation.

"2. But, thereby, by fixing the scope of the German measures to mean that Germany is striving toward a military hegemony of Europe is something which is being snatched on them.

"That the German nation wishes, in preserving the honor and the interests of the German people, is that through its measures to again attain might among the nations Germany is also striving to preserve its integrity and respect among the nations and that it means to remain as a medium of peaceful existence.

"For in this hour Germany renews her assurance to the German people and to the whole world that by preserving the honor and integrity of the German people it is not building up its arms for any purposes apart from continuing the peaceful endeavors.

"With this the German government expresses the wish (the hope) that by returning to a position of power among nations and thereby to regain its honor that the Germans are not abandoning their former ideas of hoping for a general association of nations looking toward lasting peace.

"In this purpose the German Reich has today entered upon this decision."

LAW FOR THE BUILDING UP OF THE GERMAN ARMY - OF MARCH 16, 1935.

"The Reich government has instituted the following law which hereby is being announced: 1. Service in the armed forces becomes a duty. 2. The German peacetime army including the police force (of the nation) is being consolidated into 12 corps-Commanders and 36 divisions. 3. The general and complete law as regards the regulations concerning army service are soon to be promulgated by the Reich War Ministry and the Reich Ministry. Berlin, March 16, 1935. The Fuehrer and Reich Chancellor, (sgd) Adolf Hitler."

(A Swastika appears below this.)

THE MEANING OF THE STAGE PICTURE

"High and straight stands womanhood in the picture depicting the New Germany.
- The Germania.

"She is not like formerly (portrayed) with armor and sword. Here she is the slender Germanic woman, a symbol of unity and peace.

"In her arms she holds two symbols, of industry and agriculture, the most vital and necessary implements and sources of welfare of the German Reich.

"Germania - the Goddess of Work. Work and peace - Germany's strength.

"In the background stands the eagle, alert, with its mighty wings spread out in protection. The eyes observe the things. Woe be to those who would disturb its peace.

"Since time immemorial the eagle was the portrayal of German strength, and today more than ever does it merit it.

"Mighty claws encircle the oak wreath, which is bound around the Swastika - the age-old sign - the truthful indication of the German peoples' unity.

"PEACE-WORK-STRENGTH

"HONOR WORK, REGARD THE LABORER!"

"A saying of the Fuehrer.

"Composed and produced by Martin K. Ziegner,
Member of the German Art Association."
(German Business Association?)

Exhibit I is a letterhead of the German Consumers League and is addressed "Worthy Member of the D. K. V." This letter translated is as follows: "For your attendance at our Spring Business Fair and for your understanding of the activities of the German Consumers' League we express our thanks. Through the exhibit the German Consumers' League has advanced a step toward the aims of the League to mustor the strength and interest of general Germandom here as well as in the homeland and to make use of this strength.

"It cannot be immaterial to a German-American in what manner the millions of dollars are spent daily by German-American families. As far as possible this (the money?) must be devoted to the welfare of the citizens of German origin and

"of those who are German conscious. Whoever patronizes the DKV business houses assists toward that end. Whenever possible buy in DKV establishments and request DKV stamps with all purchases.

"Therefore, we thank you again for your interest in our work and we hope also in the future that we can count on your support. And with that you may be assured that you will always receive the best attention and lowest prices at the DKV business places." This list is signed by MORTON MEDENFELD, Secretary.

Exhibit J is an unfinished copy of a letter sent out by the DKV. The subject of the letter is "Christmas Fair." The letter explains that the exhibit which will take place on December 4th to December 8th (year unknown) will be for the purpose of collecting money used for welfare purposes. The letter explains that despite restricted trade with Europe large quantities of imported articles from Germany are available.

Exhibit K is a Christmas letter of the FDND (Friends of New Germany). The body of the letter is as follows:

"Dear fellow people:

"Despite obstacles to the contrary we have also in this year evidenced ourselves as battle probers for the German people.

"How heavy this battle was for the simplest rights of existence for us Americans of German origin you know well, since you have taken active part in this battle.

"Any other organization would have long since collapsed under similarly heavy attacks. That we still are here with head high confirms our honorable position and aims.

"We will attain these aims if we don't tire, if we insist upon our rights, and if we keep our iron nerves.

"This we will celebrate this year as a real German Christmas and with this conclusion we enter a new year.

"To this most German of all festivals and for the beginning of a new Christian year the Chicago Group of the A.V. wishes you only the best."

The last two paragraphs explain that there will be a Christmas celebration on December 26th which will take place in the home of the Bund.

Exhibit L is a letter printed on the stationery of the Theodore Koerner School which it is explained is for German language and culture. The letter explains that during the year 1937 and 1938 the school has enlarged itself, but it is necessary that the school find new friends and associates and for this reason donations are requested. The last paragraph is quoted as follows:

"The former European political and economic situation and the latest events give evidence anew how important it is, in addition to the national language, to cultivate the mother language. This will be more so the case in the future and for this reason everyone must proudly acknowledge his Germanism and thereby do his final and utmost to further the language and culture of the homeland and to maintain it in that manner."

Exhibit P is a program explaining the celebration to take place on the 13th anniversary of the American German people's Bund with FRITZ KUHN as guest of honor.

Exhibit N. The message written is as follows:

"Dear Sir: I herewith pledge myself to support only candidates for Congress, who uphold the present neutrality law and who will defeat any endeavor on the part of law makers or influential government agencies to force our country into any European conflict."

The remaining part of this exhibit contains a number of DKV stamps. It should be pointed out at this time that there is shown on each stamp the word "Ffdondo". This is the symbol meaning "Friends of New Germany" and if each letter E is omitted from this symbol then the letters FDND remain which in German is the abbreviated form of "Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands."

Exhibit O is an application blank submitted for membership in the German-American Bund.

Exhibit P is a letter submitted on a letterhead of a German newspaper, Wockruf, and on either side of the masthead is the inscription, "For a united Germandom in America and at home." Under the masthead is the inscription "German fighting paper for the Middle West." In the first paragraph of the body of the letter the editor criticizes venomously the setup of American newspapers in general, stating that they are nothing but sensational items which contain nothing but a "few general lies; a few reports on gruesome murder, divorce stories, a shady romance, a few senseless pictures and with that the newspaper is finished. In that manner the papers are prepared for the people who as a rule merely read the crying headlines and with that seldom notice that the articles below these headlines are entirely disassociated from the introduction. In that way one issues public opinion." The editor sets forth in bold type the explanation "that must not be." The editor then goes on to impress the German with the new kind of newspaper which is to be published for Germandom in the Middle West, namely the

Wockruf. Attached to this letter as part of Exhibit P is a subscription blank to be filled out for potential buyers of the Wockruf.

Exhibit Q portrays the title page of the "Concordia Maennerchor" with the swastika visible between the word "Concordia" and the word "Maennerchor." In another part of Exhibit Q is a membership book containing the constitution of the "Concordia Maennerchor of Chicago." On the first inside page it is stated "At a time when German immigration to this country came to a complete standstill and at which time in addition German life suffered to a great extent the Concordia Men's Choral Society found itself in a precarious position.

"Because the evil system of Democracy also entered into the rehearsals and meetings of the societies, and because this gave every irresponsible person an opportunity to offer negative votes and criticize, which resulted in debates on items of purposeless interest and also created personal enmities, which finally went so far as to destroy the very purpose of the society - the fostering of German song - and to force it into the background.

"This regrettable situation caused the general assembly which took place on December 19th to issue these new by-laws and to bring to an end the old constitution. The constitution took into account the progress of the time and it enables the continuation of this oldest singing society in Chicago.

"Chicago, December 19, 1937.

Article 2 of the constitution is significant in so far as it says:

- A. Applicants must have attained their 18th year and must be of Aryan blood.
- B. An applicant can be an active or a passive member...
- F. After consulting with members, the head of the society either accepts or rejects the applicants.

One part of Article 4 is translated here because it tends to bring out the dictatorship policy which appears to be a principal factor in the Concordia Maennerchor. Part of Article 4 is as follows:

"The chairman has the duty to conduct the affairs of the society according to his best opinion and he has the right to decide all questions under debate."

Article 6 is likewise significant in that it explains "members who desire to resign must first of all settle their financial obligations with the society - disorderly conduct, non-payment of dues or non-attendance at the singing hours can result in discharge of the members. The chairman decides on the discharges."

Under the heading Additional Regulations there is found this quotation:

"The general meeting of December 19, 1937 has decided that the Concordia Men's Choral Society is to be associated with the Chicago Group of the Bund. The financial obligations are \$1.00 per year. This payment is to be made in two semi-annual payments, namely January 1st and July 1st and are to be made to the business manager of the A. V."

Exhibit R is a program with a flag at the top showing a swastika and other joint flags of the German Marine Bund of North America. This program pertains to the Skagerrak Celebration which took place at the Swiss Club House. The remaining part of this program contains numerous advertising of local merchants.

Exhibit S is an admission card #558 and is put out by the Teutonia Publishing Company and likewise the D.K.V.

Exhibit T is a statement which is as follows:

"The undersigned declares herewith that his participation, through this remittance, is fully and completely settled with the 5th committee of the German War Veterans Society."

The lower half of this exhibit contains the same written material as the upper half.

Exhibit U is a handbillo advertising the German newspaper, the Wockruf. The lower half gives lists of the various places where this paper can be purchased.

Exhibit V is a handbillo issued by the Chicago Group of the Friends of New Germany. It is significant that a swastika is visibly displayed on this handbill. This handbill explains that a concert will be given at the Lakeshore Athletic Club on June 8, 1935. The smaller item attached to Exhibit V has a German inscription which translated is:

"Dear Comrade: You are being appealed to appear at the Folk Evening at the Lake Shore Athletic Club on Saturday evening, June 8, 1935. Wear dark trousers; dark tie, white shirt. No arm bands. Don't wear any honor medals."

Exhibit W contains a letter published by the German-American Vocational League. This letter explains, "The only appearance of the important sound picture which was ever shown in America concerning the New Germany, namely 'Echo of the Homeland.'" The publisher of this letter states that the film gives a factual report concerning Germany and has for its purpose the acquainting of Germans in America with the conditions in the homeland. The letter goes on to say,

"We are happy that we can give Chicago's Germandom another opportunity to see New Germany of working people, the Germany of peaceful endeavors, the Germany of joined strength in which picture the people may see the advanced chin and the firm faces of the Germans."

Exhibit X is a pamphlet entitled "Friends of New Germany" published by the Grout Fighters Group of Chicago, Illinois. The inner page advertises a second German military concert to be given August 16, 1935.

Exhibit Y is a letter published by the D.K.V. This letter is in English and advertises a Pross-Ball to be given March 4, 1939.

Exhibit Z. This paper advertises "the best film of the year 1936," entitled "Prussian Emergency." An explanatory phrase used at the beginning of the message is "The fate of people of German origin on Russian soil." There is an explanation of this film which portrays a German living on the Russian border and the hardships which he endures when he is approached by the various political groups prevailing at this time in Russia.

Exhibit AA is a handbill addressed to the Youth of the German American Bund which requests that they attend the showing of the moving picture entitled "The Right of Man." A lecture by PETER GISSIBL is also to take place and it says that he is to discuss "We and Pandoloin."

Exhibit BB is likewise a handbill addressed to the Youth of the German-American Bund.

Exhibit CC is a handbillo which states "The Conscientious American-German heeds the call to appear at the FREEING OF THE SUDETHS ANNOUNCEMENT...Sunday, October 16, 1938." It is also indicated that there would be speeches by leaders among the German men and women.

Exhibit DD is an announcement reading "Fatherlands Announcement -- in connection with the German national celebration to take place May 1, 1935. The last line on this announcement reads: "Under the protectorate of the German Consulate General."

Exhibit EE is a copy of a card published jointly by the German American Bund and the German Bund. This is a free invitation to a great Woods Festival to take place June 20, 1937.

Exhibit FF contains the battle song of the "Ordnungs Dienst" otherwise known as the O. D. A translation of this is as follows:

"Customer -- American-German Peoples' Bund. Contains:

"Market Printing Company statement to the Bund for 500 application blanks and 350 letter circulars. Signed by . Kiefer.

"The green slip contains notations not decipherable. Those words which are written out are, "On the 5th of January, the formerly forbidden Horst Wessel film will be shown. We wish to have the members notified of these facts.

"O.D. Battle Song:

"The Order Service groups
Of the Bund strike the heart,
March earnestly, determined
Are hard as steel and ore -
Who dares to defy the Bund
In its battle for honor and right
We will teach them to run,
The cowardly slaves (hired men) of the Jews.

"The old gang is crying
Their house is cracking (up)
There is no help for room or wall,
The celebration is over,
The new is in the making,
There stone upon stone is being built,
It should be a spot for men
Of German honor.

"Raise high the starry banner
Fight the Red Horde
Who under sickle and hammer
Endanger the Homeland
Never falter on the way
Never a step backward,
Forward! Toward the goal
With courage and firm step."

On the left-hand side of Exhibit FF is a pencilled written notation which contains words which are barely legible. Reporting Agent has translated this notation to read, "On the 5th of January, the formerly forbidden "Horst Wessel" film will be shown. We wish to have the members notified of these facts."

Exhibit GG. This is a handbill put out by the Friends of New Germany advertising an Evening for Germanism to take place on the 8th of June, 1935. The handbill explains that there will be a concert with music by the Bund band together with soloists. There is likewise explained that there will be a reception of the Bund leader, Dr. HUBERT SCHUCH. On the lower half of this handbill there is a list of Chicago merchants at whose place of business tickets may be purchased.

Exhibit HH is a handbill put out by the German Bund which explains that on the 18th of February, 1938, a celebration will take place. -

Exhibit II is a booklet published by the D.K.V. This appears to be a booklet in which D.K.V. stamps are to be placed. On the back of this booklet is an ad published by the D. K. V. Publishing Company of New York exhorting German people to read the newspaper, The Free American.

Exhibit JJ is in three parts. Part A is an advertisement addressed to the parents and friends of the Youth Movement explaining that there will be a moving picture shown entitled "The Triumph of the Will." It is explained that this film concerns the Reich Party Day of 1935. Part B is written in English and advertises a lecture to be given by Dr. ROBERT MUEZ entitled "Freedom of the Press." This card likewise announces that WILLIAM KUNZE, national director of public relations, will again speak on the topic, "The Bund as a Political Movement." Part C is a handbill put out by the German-American Bund which advises that there will be on October 17, 1939 an anniversary celebration. This handbill likewise advertises a lecture to take place on October 25, 1939, the lecture to be by university professor Dr. DUBBERSTEIN of the University of Chicago. It is explained herein that DUBBERSTEIN has just returned from a nine-month expedition to Persia and surrounding countries and that he will give an interesting lecture on his trip.

Exhibit KK. This is a handbill entitled, "The Fighting Paper of Germandom is the Chicago 'Volkstuf'." This is merely a piece of advertising exhorting Germans in Chicago to subscribe to this representative newspaper.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: Photostatic copies of Exhibits A through Z and AA through KK used in connection with this report.

- P E N D I N G -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will contact the various Confidential Informants of the Chicago Field Division for further information regarding the activities of any of the individual members of subject organization.

- P E N D I N G -

Confidential Source of Information T1 mentioned in this report is the reference to the testimony given before the Grand Jury recently dismissed which was in session for the greater part of 1942 investigating seditious activities in the Chicago area.

Confidential Source of Information T2 is WILLIAM J. CONNOR, Special Assistant to the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois.

Confidential Source of Information T3 is AUSTIN HALL, Assistant United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois, who also questioned some of the members and officers of the German-American Bund called before the Grand Jury.

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Chicago, Illinois

May 3, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, alias "Hitler"
MARTHA C. WERNECKE, with aliases et al
ESPIONAGE - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. W. CHURCHWARD, dated January 12, 1942 at Chicago, Illinois in captioned matter and to the custodial detention card for Mrs. MARTHA C. WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Inasmuch as Mrs. MARTHA C. WERNECKE died on or about November 21, 1942, her custodial detention card is being placed in her investigative file.

Very truly yours

S. J. DRAYTON
Special Agent in Charge

LHF:DMK
65-582-154

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

61-8118

June 10, 1943

CONFIDENTIAL
REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

☐ MR. HOSTENRY
☐ MR. CARROLL
☒ MR. DENNIS
☐ MR. LOGUE
☐ MR. RYAN
☒ MR. WAHAB
☐ MR. WHITE
☐ MISS DUNKLE
☐ MISS GRAY
☐ MRS. BARBORO
☐ MISS VON L. E. EN
☐ PROPERTY CLERK

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

RE: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, with alias
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - G

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of

X an addition to the Custodial Detention card
relating to Subject. This addition is to be
attached to the photostatic copy of the
Custodial Detention card already in your
possession.

— a revised Custodial Detention card relating
to Subject to be substituted for the photo-
static copy of the Custodial Detention card
presently in your possession which should be
destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

*Added:
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J. M.*

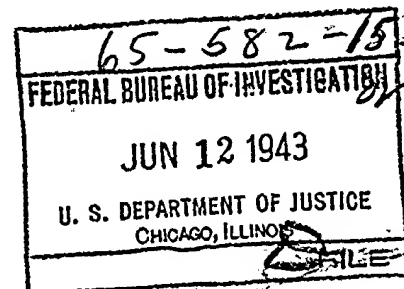
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FOR DEFENSE



BUY
UNITED
STATES
SAVINGS
BONDS
AND STAMPS

*closed on
6-12-43*



DIRECTOR, FBI

November 9, 1945

SAC, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, was.
SELECTIVE SERVICE
ESPIONAGE G
(Bureau File 61-8118)

The following information has been received from the Security and Intelligence Division at Chicago, concerning the above-captioned subject:

"Private William B. Wernecke, ASN 37645234, was discharged from the military service at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, 24 September 1945, under the provisions of War Department Circular 263 (1945) AR 615-300.

"The home address of Wernecke is listed as: care of Wernecke Farms, Huntley, Illinois.

"The files of this office indicate Wernecke was a friend of Herbert Haupt, Nazi saboteur, and Dr. Otto Willumeit, Chicago Bund leader, and was active in the affairs of the German-American Bund. Wernecke was convicted and sentenced to a five year prison term and fined \$10,000 for a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act and commenced service of his prison term 11 January 1944. On 16 August 1944 he was paroled from the federal institution at Springfield, Missouri, and on 17 August 1944 inducted into the U. S. Army."

The Security and Intelligence Division also advised that when the subject was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, the Personal Affairs Branch at the Fort received a letter from a Miss MARCELLA MISAVICE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, who wrote that when the subject entered the Army he left in her charge eleven pieces of property and one farm bequeathed to him by his mother. Miss MISAVICE described the difficulties of managing these properties and requested that the subject be given a three weeks furlough to assist her in straightening out his affairs. There is no indication as to whether or not this furlough was granted.

It should be pointed out that Miss MISAVICE had been previously employed and lived with the subject and his mother for about five years until some time in 1941 when she ran away from them because WERNECKE molested her.

In November 1941, Miss MISAVICE voluntarily called at this office and furnished the information that the subject was outspokenly pro-Nazi and engaged in un-American activities. She admitted that WERNECKE had frequently made improper advances to her and that she had had immoral relations with him on numerous occasions, explaining that she did so because of a fear of him.

Letter, DIRECTOR FBI
November 9, 1945

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RE: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, was
SELECTIVE SERVICE
ESPIONAGE G.
(Bureau File 61-8118)

The above data is being furnished to the Bureau for informational purposes. No action is contemplated by this office unless instructions to the contrary are received.

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25-5976

✓ CC: Chicago File 65-532

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

61-8118

TO : SAC, Chicago

DATE: December 10, 1945

FROM : John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, was.
 SELECTIVE SERVICE
 ESPIONAGE C
 Your file 65-582

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Mr. Hayes

Mr. Johnson

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Miss [unclear]

Miss [unclear]

Miss [unclear]

Miss [unclear]

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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated November 9, 1945.

By referenced communication you indicated that the subject owned eleven pieces of property and one farm bequeathed to him by his mother. The sentence of this subject at the time of his conviction for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act was for five years and a fine of \$10,000.

You are instructed to immediately ascertain from the United States District Court in Chicago whether the subject paid the \$10,000 fine imposed upon him and, if not, the reason why the fine was not paid. Upon obtaining this information, the Bureau should be advised in detail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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DIRECTOR, FBI

January 5, 1946

SAC, CHICAGO

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNICKE, WAS.
SELECTIVE SERVICE
OFFICER - G
(Durcan File #61-8118)

Reference is made to your letter dated December 10, 1945 asking that it be ascertained whether the above-captioned subject had ever paid the \$10,000 fine imposed upon him.

According to the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court at Chicago this fine has not yet been paid.

Upon learning this information, the matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney KENNETH WATMAN, who handles civil actions concerning the collection of fines. Mr. WATMAN explained that the reason why this fine had not yet come to his attention as an uncollected item was because the subject had been paroled from the Federal Penitentiary prior to serving his full sentence of five years, and that ordinarily a check as to whether or not a fine has been remitted is not made until the subject has completed serving his sentence.

Mr. WATMAN has requested this office to get in touch with the Federal Penitentiary from which the subject was paroled to the army to learn whether any arrangements were made at the time of parole for disposition of his fine.

Unless advised to the contrary, this office will write direct to the institution concerning this matter. You will be promptly informed as to further developments in connection with this case.

GAS:ml
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cc-25-5076

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Director, FBI

March 4, 1946

SAC, Chicago

WILLIAM BERNARD KERNECKE, was.
SELECTIVE SERVICE
ESPIONAGE - G
(Bureau file 61-8118)

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau from this office, dated January 5, 1946. It has now been ascertained that the United States Attorney has requested the United States Marshal's Office, Chicago, Illinois, to attempt to collect the \$10,000 fine outstanding against the subject in connection with his sentence for violation of the Selective Training and Service Act.

Chief Deputy J. E. TOBIN, Chicago, Illinois, has advised that execution order number 14579 has been issued for the collection of the \$10,000 fine, but that up to the present time the subject has not been located by his office. Mr. TOBIN was furnished the latest address of the subject known to this office.

The records of instant case have been examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Chicago, Illinois, which show that the subject was committed on December 15, 1943 to Springfield Camp, Missouri, and that on January 26, 1944 the commitment was returned executed. The records show that on January 13, 1944 the subject was turned over to the Springfield Camp, which is the camp used for the induction into the Armed Forces of persons under sentence. It appears from the records that the subject at no time was incarcerated in federal prison.

In view of the fact that the United States Marshal's Office is presently active in connection with the collection of the fine against the subject, no further action is contemplated by this office, unless advised to the contrary.

cc: 25-5976

KRP:ak

65-582

Note: This case should be closed on this letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582*)

FROM : Virginia Maloney, Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, aka
WILLIAM WERNEKE, HILL WERNECKE
ESPIONAGE

DATE: September 14, 1955

ATTENTION: SA LLOYD O. BOGSTAD

I BACKGROUND

It should be noted that WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE is also the subject of a Selective Service File, Chicago No. 25-5976*.

25-5976*

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE was convicted and sentenced to a five year prison term and fined \$10,000 for a violation of the Selective Service Act, and commenced service of his prison term January 11, 1944. On August 16, 1944 he was paroled from the federal institution at Springfield, Missouri and August 17, 1944 he was inducted into the United States Army.

65-582*

This is the subject file of WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne, Chicago, Illinois.

The following is a personal description of subject:

32 years of age in 1939

5'10¹/₂", Wgt. 205 lb.

Black hair, florid complexion, full lips

High school education

Organizations: Silver Shirts; White Camellia;

Irish American Patriotics; German-American Bund;

Vigilantes. Chairman of Joint Committee
of Patriotic Organizations - Originator of Hiawatha
Gun Club.

Believed to have been arrested in recent Silver Shirt riots in Chicago. Is son of MRS. MARTHA WERNECKE, employed by Standard Oil Co. in Chicago (1939).

CC: 25-5976*
CC: 105-2790*

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FBI - CHICAGO
SEP 14 1955
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65-582

Mr. Harry Bell

65-286-59

Mr. HARRY BELL, who worked in the real estate office which managed the building at 32 South Clark Street, telephoned the Chicago office on April 2, 1941 and furnished information re NEWTON JENKINS, subject of this case, who had an office in the building at 32 S. Clark Street where BELL operated his organization, Community Builders. Inquired had also been made, according to BELL, about the Arcade Cafeteria, on the second floor, where pro-Nazi meetings are supposed to be held. BELL advised that JOE KRZYWONOS, who acted as janitor of the building, would be more likely to be able to furnish information. KRZYWONOS and FRANK J. CHRISTIAN, elevator operator, said that the Arcade Cafeteria was a hangout for Nazi sympathizers and that there had been quite frequent meetings held in the Arcade Cafeteria. Both of these individuals said that IRVING L. BROWN, to whose home the records had been moved, was very anti-semitic and it is their belief that he was in sympathy with the Nazi cause. They also mentioned WILLIAM WERNEKE and LAWRENCE REYNOLDS as being quite active in the meetings held at the Arcade Cafeteria. KRZYWONOS said that he had received a pamphlet from WERNEKE which was very anti-semitic in its contents, but said that he no longer has the pamphlet in his possession, but if he could locate it, he would deliver it to the writer. They describe WERNEKE AS: Age 36 or 35 years; Height, 5'10"; Wgt. 195; Hair, black, kinky; Eyes, Brown, dissipated looking; Face, full; Walk - swaggering stride.

A check of the indices of the Chicago Field Division revealed that REYNOLDS and WERNEKE are mentioned in the file 65-122-36, as being former members of the Bund and are sympathetic to the Bund. File 65-572-30 shows they are reported to have attended meetings at various places and file 65-582 is a file on WILLIAM WERNEKE.

65-42-122

(Has been placed in 65-582).

American-Christian Nationalist Party II MISCELLANEOUS

FRED FOREMAN

61-206-40 changed to serial 44, p 6 and 6

FRED FOREMAN was contacted at his place of employment,

the Chicago Historical Society on North Avenue and Clark Streets on an unknown date by SA H. L. Davis. Informant was questioned again about the man, WERNECKE, who had attended several meetings of the American Rangers. It is possible that this WERNECKE is identical to WILLIAM WERNECKE, a prominent subject of an internal security file in the Chicago office. FOREMAN stated that he did not know WERNECKE, but that he believed his first name was "WILLIAM". Informant further stated that he believed that M. J. DIAZ was a very dangerous man; that he based his opinion as to this on the fact that DIAZ had a bad temper and at several of the meetings engaged in outbursts of speech against the Roosevelt administration, England and the Jews.

A search of the indices of the various individuals connected with RICHTER and his organization revealed that the Chicago File No. 62-2634, entitled, "GEORGE E. DEATHERAGE.", Knights of the White Camellia, American Christian Nationalist Party, Espionage, Registration Act, IS-G, report of SA John E. Kissner, Richmond, Virginia dated August 8, 1941 sets forth on page 58 the mailing list of DEATHERAGE and his various organizations. Included in this mailing list are the names of EDWIN PAUL RICHTER, Chicago American Rangers, M. J. DIAZ, 1430 Lake Shore Drive, Washington Bodyguard, 82 West Washington (Charles H. Hedler) and WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue.

Nationalist Conservative Party

W. J. PINSLEY
343 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois

100-1816-1B4 (22) p 2

W. J. PINSLEY, 343 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois on 4-14-55 furnished SA Lloyd Bogstad a mimeographed report of Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith dated April 14, 1955.

Second article in report titled, "WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, Nationalist Conservative Party, Chicago, Illinois" it states that beginning in early 1955 a small want ad began to appear with regularity in a number of metropolitan, neighborhood, and foreign newspapers, advocating support for the Nationalist Conservative Party of Chicago. ADL quickly learned that this group was being promoted by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, one-time Bund supporter and convicted Selective Service violator. Down through the years, WERNECKE's financial independence has permitted him to dabble in a number of bigoted movements. This current enterprise purports to be a new, extreme

right-wing political party and invited interested people to affiliate as members. No membership fee is presently required from those who want to sign up. Investigation reveals that WERNECKE has been in close touch with a good many of the well-known hate elements throughout the country during the past few months. This movement has not as yet openly promoted anti-Semitism. A few pieces of literature which WERNECKE has circulated promotes an extremely reactionary point of view and argues that neither the Republican nor Democratic parties merit the support of "real Americans". This group obviously bears close watching.

Christian Defense Council

FREDERICK CAPPETTA

100-1677-35 p 3, 4, 5, 10, 11

FREDERICK CAPPETTA, subject of this case, voluntarily appeared at the Chicago Field Division on April 12, 1943 and furnished an unsigned statement to SA's John Moore and Lloyd V. Marlette in which he stated he belonged to the Christian Defense Council, which organization was headed by WILLIAM WERNECKE and DR. HOMER MAERTZ. The purpose of this organization was to defend those persons who had been accused of breaking the window in Goldblatt's Department Store and to accumulate enough money to pay their legal expenses. CAPPETTA was appointed the Treasurer of this organization by WERNECKE and MAERTZ. He said he was told this organization was to defend Christians. He stated he also belonged to the Allied Christian Church and he attended a meeting to organize cooperative stores. WERNECKE was also present at this meeting. He was appointed a minister along with WERNECKE and others. CAPPETTA stated that two years previously WERNECKE gave him some pamphlets which were published in Germany. He stated he was not able to recall the titles of these pamphlets but WERNECKE left them in his tailorshop. At the same time that he gave him the pamphlets WERNECKE wrote a letter to OSCAR PFAUS in Germany, telling him that CAPPETTA would be interested in receiving more literature. He stated he received a letter from PFAUS after that but did not receive any literature from him.

p 5) Among the material which was found at the subject's tailorshop when it was raided by the Chicago PD on June 21, 1941, was a letter to MR. W. WERNECKE, % 215 E. 26th Street. This was from the Atlantic Hotel and dated at Chicago, Illinois June 5, 1941. Contained in the envelope is a bill from the Atlantic Hotel to MR. W. WERNECKE, America First Committee, 215 E. 26th Street, Chicago. This was for the rental of an East Room, price, \$3.00 and was rented 5-5. The bill was dated June 1, 1941.

p 10) Also found in the tailor shop with other articles were two pages of addresses on small red sheets of paper among which was included the name of WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago,

Illinois, and HERBERT HAUPT, 1240 Hoffelder Road, Glencoe.

Another item was an advertisement from the National Rifle Association, which advertisement includes an application for active annual membership. This is signed by FREDERICK CAPPETTA and under the caption, "Introduced by" the following name appears which is in a different handwriting: Signature: WILLIAM WERNECKE, Status: Life member NRA, Address: 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

p 11) Also included was a letter from W. WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois which is postmarked at Chicago, May 16, 1940 and addressed to CAPPETTA at his business address. The notation of the front of this envelope is in writing and states: "Christian Defense Council Membership Application." Contained in this letter was an application for joining the Christian Defense Council and a pledge to be signed.

German-American Bund

62-2634-10 p 93

Re report made at Richmond, Virginia 8-8-41 by SA John E. KISSNER; titled, "GEORGE E. DEATHERAGE, Knights of the White Camellia; American Christian Nationalist Party, Richmond FD". Richmond FD furnished a list which is undoubtedly the mailing list of the subject which includes names of organizations and individuals, many of which are probably subjects under investigation by their respective divisions. Listed is the name WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, German-American Bund.

Dr. OTTO WILLUMETT

97-27-939

Dr. OTTO WILLUMETT, leader of the Chicago unit of the German-American Bund furnished Special Agents Earl Hitsh and M. E. Shaeffer twenty-two photographs on January 5, 1942. These photographs are being placed in the exhibit envelope of Chicago file 97-27. Photo of WM. WERNECKE appears on Photograph No. 2 together with other members of the Bund.

These photographs were transmitted to the USA, Chicago on 3-11-43.

(The writer is unable to determine whether the above is identical with the subject of this case).

CG 65-582

Gentile Workers Party

British Consulate

65-122-120

Information was received from the British Consulate on an unknown date by an unknown agent that on September 24, 1939 the Gentile Day Association held a meeting at the Aldine Hall, 911 Armitage Avenue, Chicago, at which time one WILLIAM WERNECKE was billed as one of the speakers. WM. WERNECKE was also one of those who organized this meeting.

65-42-161

(Refers to serial 122—suggests this serial re WILLIAM L & MARTHA WERNECKE should be placed in another file?)

Institute for Aryan Study

[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois

100-11575-3

[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by SA A. M. CLARK of the Chicago Field Division on an unknown date (possible 5-25-43). It will be noted that [REDACTED] has been the subject of various investigations conducted by the Bureau due to his affiliation with pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic organizations.

Informant stated that he did not believe that the Institute for Aryan Study, Chicago, Illinois actually existed as an organization. He stated that if it did he would have known about it. He further stated that the whole matter sounded like the operations of WILLIAM WERNECKE in connection with OTTO WILLUMET, leader of the Chicago Bund. [REDACTED] stated he believed that this was one of WERNECKE'S many creations and if it had been developed to any extent he, [REDACTED] would have certainly taken part in it. In view of his close association with WERNECKE in 1939, [REDACTED] stated that WERNECKE was a sadist of the first order and was in the habit of starting such overnight and temporary movements just to arouse a storm. [REDACTED] stated that he was positive that no such organization existed in Chicago.

[REDACTED] has furnished information in the past

to representatives of this Bureau which has proved to be reliable, and in view of the above information, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

Silver Shirts

Mr. Jack R. Brown

65-45-49

Mr. Jack R. Brown, who styles himself as the chief investigator of Illinois Vigilance Association, brought to the Chicago FBI office three copies of a circular advertising a patriotic meeting for Thursday, November 2, 1939. Mr. Brown stated that WILLIAM WERNECKE is the individual who is distributing these circulars and he believes is the individual in charge of the Silver Shirt Legion in Chicago, Illinois. According to Mr. Brown, WERNECKE operates an auto which bears 1939 Illinois License 1, 153, 839, and uses the back seat of this auto as an office, carrying all the literature pertaining to the Silver Shirts which he distributes from this auto.

George Stanislaus Heppner

100-5692-8 p 3, 4, 5

Subject of this case, GEORGE STANISLAUS HEPPNER, wa GEORGE WIERONSKI, was interviewed on March 3, 1943 by SA JOSEPH R. McFADDEN and SA WILLIAM J. SCHMID, at his home, 113 West Chicago Avenue.

HEPPNER advised that the only organizations to which he now belongs are the Packinghouse Workers Union of the CIO and is is also block captain in the Office of Civilian Defense. He stated he joined the Silvershirts of America in 1938 and was a member of the Fort Dearborn Post of that organization in Chicago. Subject also advised he was Secretary of that club while he was a member of the organization. He stated, however, he resigned from the Ft. Dearborn Post five or six years ago along with several other members because of disagreement with the policies of that organization. He stated the leader of the club had required the members to attend speeches of other clubs and organizations in Chicago. One of the clubs which they were to attend was the meeting held by DR. HOMER MAERTZ. Subject stated in his opinion DR. MAERTZ was not 100% American and for this reason he ceased attending same. He advised they had also been required to attend meetings sponsored by WILLIAM WERNECKE and

he had attended two of these meetings. HEPPNER stated WERNECKE in his speeches professed to be for the Silver Shirts and to speak on the authority of the Silver Shirts, although he actually had no connection with that organization.

HEPPNER stated with reference to WILLIAM WERNECKE, that he had attended some of WERNECKE's meetings and had met him possibly six or seven times. He stated WERNECKE had made attempts to become a member of the Silver Shirts but he had never been accepted. He stated he did not consider WERNECKE a friend of his by reason of the fact that when he was in jail pending trial with reference to the Goldblatt window breaking incident, WERNECKE had come to him and attempted to convince him that he should plead guilty.

He stated he visited WERNECKE's farm once along with a shooting club which had been organized and they had rifle practice at the farm. He stated this club was merely a sports club, having no connection with the Silver Shirts or any other organization. He advised WERNECKE had wanted to incorporate the club as a chapter of the National Rifle Association.

Lawrence Patrick Reynolds

101-23-9 p 1a

Subject of this case, LAWRENCE PATRICK REYNOLDS, was interviewed by Special Agent GEORGE E. SIDDALL and ABRAHAM JORDAN, SA's of U. S. Air Force, OSI, on July 15 and 21, 1954, at which time he executed a signed sworn statement, dated July 22, 1954. Subject admitted being a friend of a Communist Party member, CLYDE JENKINS. In this statement he stated he knew a man by the name of WILLIAM WERNEKE who admitted to him that he was a member of the German-American Bund. WERNEKE did not try to get him to join the Bund or influence him regarding its policies in any way. However, he did attend some social affairs which were held in a beer hall in Chicago, where the Bund usually met. Around 1939 and 1940 he recalled seeing WERNEKE in a Nazi uniform at one of these meetings. He said he met WERNEKE in 1939. They were introduced by a man by the name of NEWTON JENKINS, a lawyer in Chicago. He said that his association with WERNEKE last for about two years and his relationship with him was not as warm as with CLYDE JENKINS. He said that NEWTON JENKINS would use WERNEKE for his own political purposes. While working for NEWTON JENKINS he often met WERNEKE in the office, where WERNEKE would tell him how he attended various meetings of the Silver Shirts, Ku Klux Klan, and other similar types of organizations for the purpose of recruiting members for the German-American Bund.

The Worker

The Worker, Illinois Edition
6-3-51, p 8, col. 5

The Worker, Illinois Edition, 6-3-51, p 8, col. 5 reflects the column, "News Reel" which states that "another local Nazi turns out to be a rent gonger, this time it's WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, former Bund chieftan, who has been trying to beat five of his near north side tenants out of their hard-earned dough. He faces a trial for triple damages."

OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING WILLIAM WERNECKE

Mr. Edward W. Johnson

61-206-55 p 15, 19

SA Ralph F. McCoy on an unknown date caused a search to be made of the index of Ordained Ministers, which is maintained in the County Clerk's office, which search failed to indicate that the REVEREND WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE is registered as an ordained minister.

p 15 Mr. EDWARD W. JOHNSON made available to an unknown agent on an unknown date the file relative to the account of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, IV, ACMA, which indicates that on June 26, 1941, the Rev. EMANUEL RICHTER, conference President and Presiding Bishop of this church, wrote to the Cosmopolitan National Bank enclosing a copy of the organizational resolution providing for the opening of a checking account at the Cospolitan Bank under the name of the Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church, IV, ACMA. The letter indicates that signature cards and the names of all officers had been filed with the exception of MR. WILLIAM WERNECKE, President, who was at the time out of town but who would call later at the bank to add his signature to the list. Both the letter and the resolution were made available to the agent and they were photostated at the Chicago FD and will be maintained in the files of this office. The originals were returned to the bank.

The signature card of the corporation on file at the bank reflects that WILLIAM WERNECKE, President, was one of the individuals entitled to sign in behalf of the corporation.

There were a number of cancelled checks drawn by the organization still in the possession of the bank, and an examination indicated that WILLIAM WERNECKE's name appeared on several checks drawn on this account.

Chicago PD

100-8673-8 p 3

to

According to the records of the Chicago PD the subject of this case, DR. ERIC VON SCHROETTER, was arrested on February 4, 1938 on the complaint of WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, for fighting at 108 Germania Place. Subject was discharged on March 11, 1938 by Judge Gorman.

65-2441-105 (Source not given)

Re teletype to Director and Assistant Director E. J. Connelley, New York City, from Chicago dated June 30, 1942, title, "George Dasch, was, etal, Sabotage."

WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago, first became acquainted with subject Herbert Haupt, alias Herbie, in 1938 at Bund headquarters in Chicago; that HAUPT with his girlfriend, Gerda Melind, and other friends used to visit at WERNECKE'S on weekends to go horseback riding. WERNECKE advised he used to double date with HAUPT and another girlfriend named ALICE YOCKEY. WERNECKE always considered HAUPT a braggart and teller of tall tales and never placed much confidence in HAUPT's stories. He understood that HAUPT, together with WOLFGANG WERGIN, and another person unknown to him, left Chicago over a year previously with the intention of going to California. He was of the opinion HAUPT was the leader of the group, and that WERGIN merely idolized HAUPT and did what HAUPT suggested.

65-364-17

As a result of an authorized search of the home of WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on November 10, 1939 by the Chicago PD, there were obtained thirteen booklets and four handbills. MR. WERNECKE had been arrested by the Chicago PD on a charge of disorderly conduct and was reported by them as a possible suspect in the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects: Local Loan Company: Extortion, File 9-43 in the Chicago office.

These booklets were voluntarily given to Agent LETHERT by MR. WERNECKE, who accompanied Agent LETHERT at the time of the search and believed that Agent LETHERT was to use them as personal reading matter.

These booklets were transmitted to the Bureau for inclusion in the files at Washington. Books were mainly about Germans and Jews.

MR. WERNECKE advised that the North Side Council of Safety is his organization, and that he maintains Post Office Box No. 3620, Merchandise Mart, as the business address of the organization.

9-43-328 p 2

The local Chicago PD arrested WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, organizer of the North Side Council of Safety, which is a pro-German club on November 10, 1939. Suspect WERNECKE WAS exhaustively questioned but denied having any connection with this case. He was charged with disorderly conduct, having called a policeman a Jew in open court. Fingerprints were obtained from him and specimens were taken from his Corona portable typewriter #403,478,19 located in his home during an authorized search of the premises. These prints and typewriting specimens were transmitted to the Bureau on November 10, 1939. The local case against WERNECKE was dismissed the following day and he was released.

Carter H. Harrison, Collector
Internal Revenue
Chicago, Illinois

100-0-3156

CARTER H. HARRISON, Collector, Internal Revenue, Chicago, Illinois, by letter dated April 2, 1941, furnished Mr. W. S. Devereaux, SAC, FBI, Chicago, a report of Deputy Collector Frank E. Northcott, concerning possible subversive activities of a society known as "The Snakes". Report is dated March 31, 1941. In this report he stated that he discovered several cars with emblem of "The Snakes". He also discovered that OTTO WILLUMETT, the Bund leader's car had two of the same kind of flags; also WILLIAM WERNECKE, the grand leader of the Anti-Semitic group had one flag with marks on it.

(It cannot be determined whether the above is identical with the subject of this case.)

Surveillance

65-2441-97

As a result of a surveillance conducted by SA's G. D. O'Connor, James Handley, James Hynes, and R. W. Axtell, on HERBERT HAUPT during the night of June 25, 1942 from 11 P.M. through June 26th at 1:30 P.M., at about 10:15 A.M. subject was observed in company with WILLIAM WERNECKE leaving the apartment building at 6250 Wayne Ave.

Teletype to Director and Ass't Director E. J. Connelley

C)65-2441-26

Re teletype to Director and Assistant Director E. J. Connelley dated June 30, 1942 re GEORGE JOHN DASCH. It is stated in this teletype that Technical surveillances are contemplated on MARTHA C and WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, also OTTO DONATH. WILLIAM WERNECKE will be questioned this date regarding the contacts had with him by subject HAUPT.

Surveillance form

66-1899-3--changed to

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Surveillance form contained the following information:

Case file - 25-5976

Confidential Symbol - WHI

Name - WM. B. WERNECKE

6250 Wayne Ave.

Tel. Bri 8824

Type surveillance - T Unit 185

Authorized by - Mr. Toman; 7-2-42

Listening Post - Apt. 403; name, MC FARIAND - 1521 Sherwin
Hollycourt 7877

Surveillance discontinued - 1-15-43 8:45 A.M.

Statement by HANS MAX HAUPT; surveillance; review of files

65-2441-155 p 29, p 46 through 55

HANS MAX HAUPT on July 2, 1942 furnished a statement containing information concerning himself. HAUPT, in the same statement intimated that HERBERT made known the complete story of his trip to Germany and the manner of his return to the US to MARTHA and WILLIAM B. WERNECKE.

p 29 A review of Chicago file 100-2637 entitled, "HANS MAX HAUPT, alias MAX HANS HAUPT, alias HANS HAUPT, IS-G" reflects that Mr. & Mrs. HANS HAUPT were known to be friendly with DR. OTTO WILLUMELT, Chicago Unit Leader of the German-American Bund, and also known to be friendly with WILLIAM WERNECKE, who is known for his anti-British and anti-Semitic tendencies.

p 46 During the period when subject HAUPT was under surveillance of the Chicago FD, HERBERT HAUPT made numerous contacts with WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Ave., Chicago, Illinois, and this individual was HAUPT'S companion on many occasions throughout the period of his visit in Chicago.

On one occasion, on June 26, 1942 when subject was in company with WILLIAM WERNECKE, they were both observed to enter the Trust Company of Chicago, 33 North La Salle Street. A later check of the Trust Company of Chicago conducted by SA JOHN A LYNCH disclosed that no safe deposit box had ever been rented under his true name or the alias of WERNECKE. However, MR. TURNBELL, Manager of the Trust Company of Chicago searched his records and advised that there were three safe deposit boxes rented to individuals named WERNECKE. Box No. A-1391 was rented jointly by WILLIAM L, BERTHA L., and MARTHA C. WERNECKE. Box No. A-1475 was also rented by WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, 30 North LaSalle Street, and listed as deputies were the names of BERTHA L. and LUCY A. WERNECKE. A-2315 was rented to WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, January 28, 1932. MARTHA C. WERNECKE, Mother of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, was designated as Deputy to enter the box.

In Chicago File 65-582, the following information regarding WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE is reflected:

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 21, 1907. WERNECKE attended grade school and high school in Chicago, and, also, various religious schools in Chicago. At the present time he was reported to be working for his Mother, MARTHA WERNECKE, whose business is stated to be that of property management and horse breeding. WERNECKE has two addresses, namely; 6250 Wayne Avenue, and 600 Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. On this farm in Lake Forest, it is reported that he has approximately fifteen head of horses as well as a collection of about 25 old rifles, pistols, and shotguns and about ten comparatively new rifles which he bought from the U. S. War Department.

Signed statement of MRS. ERNA HAUPT, Mother of HERBERT H.

B) 65-2441-14 p 13

According to a signed statement of MRS. ERNA HAUPT, Mother of HERBERT H., July 3, 1942 at Chicago, Illinois, statement having been made to SAs RALPH J. GREGG and JOHN R. TIERNEY, she stated that on Friday, June 26th HERBERT drove her to Halsted Street in the evening and then he went on somewhere else. She said that she was not sure whom he was with except that he might have been with BELL WERNECKE.

Signed statement of ERNEST SCHARF

65-2441-253

ERNEST SCHARF in a signed statement dated July 8,

1942 made to SA P. V. Robe and P. C. Dunne, stated that he first met HERBERT HAUPT in 1938 at a social function of the Bund; visited him on several occasions at WILLIAM WERNECKE'S farm. On the night of June 25, 1942, MRS. WERNECKE, WILLIAM WERNECKE, MRS. ELLI DONATH, GERTRUDE DONATH, and HAUPT came to his home at Des Plaines, Illinois. HAUPT told him he had been in Mexico digging gold and also made a cruise around South America. WILLIAM WERNECKE stated subject HAUPT told him he had been in Mexico, but denied having any knowledge of HAUPT'S trip to Germany and return. He admitted being engaged in anti-Semitic and anti-Communist activities in Chicago.

Signed Statement of OTTO DONATH

and

Signed Statement of MRS. ELLI DONATH

and

Interview of WILLIAM WERNECKE

65-2441-237 pp10, 11, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 44, 46

According to a signed statement of OTTO DONATH dated July 9, 1942, which statement was made to SA's P. V. ROBE and P. C. Dunne, it is stated that he first met WILLIAM WERNECKE in approximately 1930 through one ROBERT OTTO who at that time was an employee of Roberts & Schaeffer Construction Co. and OTTO was an engineer in that company. He said he did not see WERNECKE again until about 1936 or 1937, at which time he met he and his mother, MRS. MARTHA C. WERNECKE in the Germania Club House, Chicago, Illinois, after which he visited at the WERNECKE'S farm approximately four times. MRS. WERNECKE came to their store at 629 Webster Avenue on June 25, 1942, accompanied by a person whom informant later learned was HERBERT HAUPT, but directed her conversation to her son, WILLIAM, making the remark 'Your friend HERBIE is here from Mexico' and BILL WERNECKE appeared to be quite startled at seeing HERBERT HAUPT.

p 13, 14 MRS. ELLI DONATH on July 9, 1942 gave a statement to SA P. C. Dunne and P. V. ROBE at Chicago, Illinois. In this statement she said she met BILL WERNECKE through one ROBERT OTTO in about 1931 when OTTO brought him to her house as a guest. She also said that she did not see him again until about 1936, after which they visited more or less frequently at the WERNECKE farm and also BILL WERNECKE was of considerable assistance to her in the operation of their grocery store. She also told of meeting HERBERT HAUPT when BILL WERNECKE'S Mother brought him to their store on June 25, 1942.

p 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 44, 46) On July 7, 1942 WILLIAM WERNECKE voluntarily appeared at the Chicago office and furnished additional information regarding his association with HERBERT HAUPT, the subject

of this case. WERNECKE was interviewed by Special Agents P. V. ROBE, P. C. DUNNE, AND E. R. FLETCHER. In this interview WERNECKE advised of first seeing HERBERT HAUPT on June 25, 1942 at the home of OTTO DONATH, 629 Webster Avenue. (Same as previously reported by Mr. and Mrs. DONATH). In this interview WERNECKE went over the information as previously submitted to this office on June 28, 1942 when he furnished information to Special Agent G. D. O'CONNOR. WERNECKE was re-interviewed for additional information inasmuch as there were several discrepancies between the information which he had previously volunteered to this office and that which was in the possession of the Chicago office. On his previous interview, WERNECKE failed to advise his connection with MRS. ELIZABETH DILLING and his visit to her office on June 26, 1942, and he also failed to indicate that he was in company with HAUPT at the Trust Company of Chicago on the same morning. WERNECKE advised he would rather not give any information concerning his visit with MRS. DILLING because MRS. DILLING had received enough publicity and he was trying to spare her any embarrassment in connection with this case.

WERNECKE stated that he went to the offices of MRS. DILLING and purchased some literature consisting of nine copies of the "Octopus" an anti-Communist and anti-Semitic book published by and written by MRS. DILLING. WERNECKE refused to discuss at length his association with MRS. DILLING, but stated that he met her approximately three or four years previously. He has associated with MRS. DILLING because she has been fighting the communists and the Jews and WERNECKE has also been engaged in this work. He denied emphatically that he has any connections with MRS. DILLING other than in a social way and that he has not seen her for approximately four months.

On being questioned concerning his association and membership in the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, IV, WERNECKE advised that he has been a member of this Church for a number of years. WERNECKE is an ordained Minister of the abovementioned church, having been ordained in April of 1941 by the Board of Allied Christian Management Army. WERNECKE stated that this was the name of the Board of Directors of the Church of which he was a minister.

WERNECKE exhibited his draft card to the agents which reflected that he registered in Lake Forest, Illinois and that his Local Draft Board is located at Libertyville, Illinois. He gave his address as 600 Waukegan Rd. He is presently classified as 4-D which is an ordained minister.

WERNECKE further advised that he and HAUPT had many

arguments prior to HAUPT's leaving Chicago and these arguments concerned German culture. He stated that in all of these arguments concerning German culture he defended the United States while HAUPT defended Germany. He stated that they both agreed that Hitler was a nationalist and WERNECKE thinks that the United States should be nationalistic, however, he feels that it should be nationalistic only insofar as Americans are concerned.

WERNECKE readily admitted that he was anti-Semitic and stated that the Jew is an oriental and should not be allowed to mix with white people. It was his belief that separate state should be set up for the Jews. It was also Wernecke's belief that the negroes should not be citizens and should not be allowed to associate with white people or have the privilege of voting.

WERNECKE advised that his father's name was ARTHUR C. CHADBOURNE, who is presently deceased. He advised that in connection with his name, he was the only child and heir to the WERNECKE estate and due to the pressure brought by the WERNECKE family, his mother had taken back her maiden name and had also changed it to WERNECKE. He stated that the WERNECKES had been loyal American citizens since the early part of the 18th century. The parents of WERNECKE originally came from New Baldwin, Maine.

WERNECKE denied that he had ever been in any trouble with the Chicago Police Department and at first denied that he had ever been arrested. He subsequently admitted that he was arrested sometime in 1939 and was tried in the Criminal Court for assault and battery. This charge was subsequently dismissed. He stated that this case arose in connection with HOMER MAERTZ who was arrested for breaking windows in Goldblatt's Department Store. He felt that the individuals connected with this case were innocent inasmuch as they were being persecuted by the Jews and he became engaged in a fight with the Chicago Police authorities in connection with the arrest of the individuals in this case.

Mrs. Isabelle Fraeheler Harry Harris Mrs. Byron Slee
629 Webster Ave. and 633 Deming Place and 2119 Orchard St.

100-9447-8 p 2, 3, 4

This file is the subject file of MRS. ELLI DONATH, MRS. DONATH moved in November, 1942 because her landlady objected to the continual presence of WILLIAM WERNECKE, subject of a Selective

Service case and friend of HERBERT HAUPT, German Saboteur, in her apartment.

WILLIAM WERNECKE, subject of Selective Service Case, Chicago file 25-5986, Chicago origin, was observed on several occasions in the store and home of MRS. ELLI DONATH. After WILLIAM WERNECKE had been apprehended by the FBI, and his picture appeared in the Chicago newspapers, MRS. DONATH told MRS. WILKINS, who resided in the same neighborhood, that WILLIAM WERNECKE was an innocent man.

MRS. ISABELLE FRAEHELER, 629 Webster Avenue, owner of the house in which DONATH resided, stated that the neighbors stopped going into the subjects' store shortly after WILLIAM WERNECKE's picture appeared in the newspapers.

p 4) HARRY HARRIS, 633 Deming Place, Chicago, who was brought up in the neighborhood and had known subject, MRS. DONATH as the owner of a store in the community for the past ten years, and ALFRED HAGEN, JR., 1049 West Montana, attendant and owner of a gas station located on Webster Avenue directly across the street from the former residence of DONATH, stated that he had seen WILLIAM WERNECKE with MRS. DONATH in her store on many occasions within the last three years. They said he appeared to be practically living with the DONATH family as he seemed to be there practically every day and had on occasion even waited on customers in MRS. DONATH's store.

MRS. BYRON SLEE, 2149 Orchard Street stated she knew of the presence of WILLIAM WERNECKE around the home of MRS. DONATH, and understood from conversation with the subject that WERNECKE was courting the subject's daughter. After WERNECKE was apprehended by the FBI and his subsequent release, he was observed to enter the DONATH home by means of the alley and through the back door so that people in the neighborhood would not observe him visiting in subject's home.

William B. Wernecke

100-0-57953

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by mail postmarked at Chicago on March 4, 1951, furnished this office a copy of a letter which he wrote to the Office of Housing Expediter, 226 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois on March 2, 1951, re S. THORNTON, 3rd Floor, 209 W. Locust. MR. WERNECKE signed the letter, "Landlord". Copies were also sent to Senator Mc Carthy, Chicago Real Estate Board, Military Intelligence, U. S. Army, and to the tenant, S. Thornton, and Otto Kerner, Jr., U. S. Dist. Atty.

Letter is in regard to signing of a commercial lease by SAM THORNTON and also asks the Housing Expediter to raise the rent of \$18 to "60 per month.

CG 65-582

Mortimer J. Sullivan
5053 West Huron St.
Chicago, Illinois

105-2503-56

MORTIMER J. SULLIVAN, 5053 West Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, a potential panel source of the Chicago Field Division, furnished SA LLOYD O. BOGSTAD the April 1, 1955 and the May 1, 1955 editions of the newspaper, "Common Sense" which had been obtained by SULLIVAN from WILLIAM B. WERNEKE, Chicago, Illinois, and also a letter from WILLIAM B. WERNEKE, which was addressed to, "Dear Mort", dated May 31, 1955. This letter concerns the Nationalist publications which WERNEKE plans to furnish in the future and expresses WERNEKE's sympathy concerning popularity of the Green Mountain Rifle Magazine.

Above items are being retained in 105-2503 and 105-2790, the exact location not determined since the Sub A file was out at the time of review.

The following files were out at the time of review:

105-2790-2
A) 65-2441-19 p 10

It should be noted that file 62-582 was destroyed on 7-54, and serial 331 of 65-2441 was skipped in serialization.

The following are Incorrect References:

65-42-163
65-42-164
65-122-136
97-27-897 p 19

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Re memo to SAC from Supervisor AUGUST KAYNE
dated September 20, 1955.

1. The Nationalist Conservative Party reportedly was first started in late 1954 or early 1955. This organization was started and promoted by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE who was a supporter of the German-American Bund and a convicted Selective Service violator. WERNECKE has been in touch with "well known hate elements" in the United States in an attempt to gain a following. The aim of this party is the formation of the third party based on the faults and mistakes of the two major political parties in the United States. As of the present time, this party has not "gelled" and has failed to take hold and attract interest.

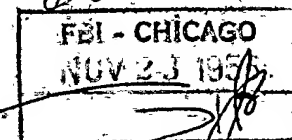
2. WILLIAM B. WERNECKE heads the Nationalist Conservative Party.

3. In a strict sense of the word there are as yet no members of this party, however, WEST HOOKER, Larchmont, New York, and JOSEPH BEAUHARNEIS, Chicago, Illinois, MICHAEL PLUMMER, Chicago, Illinois, and EUSTACE MULLINS, New York, New York and Washington, D.C., have all indicated interest in this organization.

4. In view of the fact that this organization has failed to get started as of the present time, it is recommended that no action be taken at this time concerning the individuals who have expressed an interest in this organization.

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1 - 105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNEIS)
1 - 65-582 (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)



Ex-Bundist's Shelter Without Animals!

BY LOUIS E. LOMAX 5-1

How can an animal welfare program be conducted in a third-floor Chicago apartment and on a farm where no one knows anything about such a program?

The Chicago American has attempted to find an answer to that question regarding the "American Humane Society." It has come up with a different answer to a slightly different question.

Apparently the American Humane Society has no animal welfare program.

The organization has its headquarters in the third-floor apartment of William Wernecke, 50, of 6250 Wayne av., convicted draft dodger and ex-German-American Bund leader.

The Wernecke group came to public attention when Police Commissioner O'Connor revoked special police commissions given to three members. The special permits gave the members powers of arrest and the right to carry guns.

The record shows that Wernecke incorporated his group last May and stated as its purpose, "the prevention of cruelty to animals and all of God's living creatures." He listed his address as Route 1, Huntley, Ill., which is in McHenry County.



WILLIAM WERNECKE
Interest in animals?

CHICAGO AMERICAN

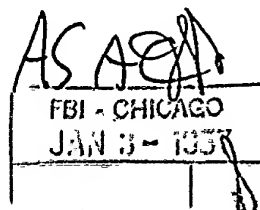
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NO FACILITIES

A CHICAGO AMERICAN reporter's visit to the Wernecke farm at Huntley disclosed that there are no facilities for the care of animals.

Although the organization's letterhead claims they have a pet cemetery on the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ponitz, caretakers, said they know of no such thing.

Mrs. Ponitz said:

"Mr. Wernecke owns the farm and comes up here sometimes. I know nothing about animals or any program, he has to care for them."

A similar visit to the Wernecke apartment at 6250 Wayne av. revealed a complete lack of facilities for care of animals.

Other than mailing out anti-vivisectionist literature prepared by other groups and the care of four household pets, no animal welfare activity could be found there.

Wernecke told police he placed animals with Orphans of the Storm, an animal shelter in Deerfield.

Grace Petkus, director of the shelter, said:

"We have no relationship with the Wernecke group. We have never accepted any animals from them."

Robert Johnson of the Il-

linois Humane Society and J. J. Schaffer of the American Humane Assn. disavow the Wernecke group. Schaeffer said:

"We have no record of animal-welfare work done by this group."

Mrs. Edward O. Drane, 1400 N. Ashland av., an adviser to the group and whose special permit was revoked by the police commissioner, said:

"I was roped into this thing. I know nothing about Mr. Wernecke. His wife Ruth works for me as a clerk typist in my novelty firm and she asked me to join the group."

"She said they were going to convert the garage in the rear of their apartment into a shelter. I gave them \$10 and consented to be on the board of advisers."

DRAFT CONVICTION

Wernecke told a reporter he had collected money from Mrs. Drane and others. He refused to say how much he has collected.

In 1949 Wernecke was convicted of evading the draft. He posed as a clergyman in the Allied Christian Church and claimed draft exemption. A jury found Wernecke guilty.

After two witnesses testified that Wernecke was a German-American Bund leader and had suggested that group members escape military service by organizing as a church.

When imposing a sentence of five years in the penitentiary and a \$10,000 fine, Federal Judge Barnes said:

"His (Wernecke's) is a grossly exaggerated ego. That is what is wrong with Hitler and all of his followers."

The record shows Wernecke has had three other bouts with the law.

In 1949 Wernecke's former wife, Veronica, told police he kidnaped her and held her captive for eight hours while trying to force her to enter a mental institution.

In 1950 Miss Lakuehl Wilson, a nurse, told police Wernecke kidnaped her and held her captive for several hours near his Huntley farm until she signed a false statement that Mrs. Wernecke used dope and dated other men.

In 1952 Wernecke—who is a real estate man as well as a self-styled lawyer, surveyor, student of languages and political scientist—was charged with rent gouging by tenants of three buildings managed by him.

Among Wernecke's supporters is Joseph Beauharnais, 919 Milwaukee av., who was convicted of passing out anti-Negro literature in 1950.

Spokesmen for established agencies say the activity of the Wernecke group has not helped public confidence in animal-welfare work.

Attorneys for the American Humane Assn. said they will take court action to force the Wernecke group to drop the name "American Humane Society" because of the similarity in the two names.

SAC (62-0)

October 27, 1958

SA CURTIS A. HESTER

**WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING**

On 10/21/58, DADISHOV NICOLAS, owner, Diversoy Realty, 5403 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois advised writer that two acquaintances of his, ANDREW KASHA, of the Mascarella Realty Company, 7041 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, and ROBERT O'DRIEN of DesPlaines, Illinois, had come to him that day to tell him that they had been hired by WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne, Chicago, to blow up the residence of NICOLAS with a home made bomb. NICOLAS, who resides in and owns the three flat building at 1442 West Balmoral Avenue, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE has been causing him considerable trouble during the past year and that he is quite certain that WERNECKE is capable of causing him and his family bodily harm.

NICOLAS pointed out that KASHA and O'DRIEN voluntarily came to him with this information and were willing to cooperate with the police to help catch WERNECKE in the act of passing the bomb, which was to be made by WERNECKE, to them. NICOLAS stated that in the past KASHA and he have not been on good terms and that WERNECKE, knowing this, believed that KASHA could be trusted to do the bombing job. According to NICOLAS, KASHA exhibited a chart, reportedly drawn by WERNECKE, showing just where the bomb was to be placed on NICOLAS' property. KASHA also told NICOLAS that WERNECKE had a large supply of dynamite on his farm near Huntley, Illinois, and had told KASHA that he, WERNECKE, had recently corresponded with a friend in Georgia concerning the construction of home made bombs.

The information furnished by NICOLAS was immediately furnished to Supervisor J. J. HURLEY, who in turn notified ASAC EARL DROWN, who instructed that the above facts be furnished to the Chicago Police Department. Accordingly, Supervisor JAMES KORELAND telephonically contacted Lieutenant FRANK O'SULLIVAN of the Chicago Police Department, who advised that he would immediately send representatives of their Bomb and Arson Detail to confer with agents in this office.

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1-105-2780 (NCP)
1-98-1890 (Bombings & attempted Bombings)
1-25-5976 (Wm B. Wernecke)
1-65-582 (Wm B. Wernecke)
1-62-5467 (Suspected bombing of DADISHOV NICOLAS)

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At approximately 3 p.m. on 10/21/58, Sergeant D. BROWN, Detective FRANK GRADY, Detective JEROME COLLINS, and Detective JAMES CLEARY of the Bomb and Arson Detail appeared at this office and conferred for nearly two hours concerning this matter. At 5p.m. they made telephonic arrangements to meet KASHA and obtain all details so that plans for their investigation could be formed.

The following information was previously obtained by SA HESTER and is being set forth to show a brief background which possibly led to the above situation:

Early in World War II the Chicago Office conducted an extensive investigation of WERNECKE, results of which were set out in Chicago file 25-5976, captioned "WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, SELECTIVE SERVICE; SABOTAGE; ESPIONAGE." As a result of this investigation WERNECKE was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to five years in prison by Federal Judge BARNES, who reportedly stated that WERNECKE is the last man in the country he would want to see in the armed forces of the United States. WERNECKE was also reportedly a very active member of the German-American Bund and received much adverse publicity as a result.

In August, 1953, WERNECKE asked the USA's office in Chicago to authorize prosecution of NICOLAS inasmuch as NICOLAS had taken WERNECKE's wife in early August, 1953, to Iowa for three days and that he had witnesses to prove it. The USA's office asked this office to conduct an investigation of this matter. Agents of this office interviewed Mrs. WERNECKE who stated that the allegation was completely false. Upon the receipt of this information, the investigation was discontinued. It should be noted that Mrs. NICOLAS upon learning that WERNECKE had charged her husband with transporting his wife to Iowa, personally told SA HESTER that such could not possibly be true, inasmuch as her husband has never been away from her a single night in the past year.

In August, 1953, NICOLAS confided in SA HESTER that he had just been arrested by the States Attorney's Police after WERNECKE had sworn out a warrant for his arrest, charging that NICOLAS had entered his apartment and stolen a television and refrigerator. Even though NICOLAS' attorney obtained a signed statement from Mrs. WERNECKE in which she stated that she had ordered a warehouse firm to put these pieces in storage, and another signed statement from the warehouse representative that he had placed

Complainant advised that the Subjects have passed out literature with no sponsor listed to the best of her recollection but that Mr. ROSCOE SPRINKEL 605 Main ST., Aurora Ill. has this literature & will send it in. Perrinett also stated Wernecke has a set of books on "How to Torture Human Beings" on which Wernecke made the comment that he was against torture of animals & that these methods used are the same whether against animals or humans. Complainant also stated that she realized some could be the figment of imagination of Perrinett but that she was uneasy & felt she should report it. SHE ADVISED THAT ANY INQUIRY MADE SHOULD BE DONE CAREFULLY TO PROTECT HERSELF, PERRINETT & SPRINKEL.

Complainant called back & advised doctor told Perrinett her rash could be something she ate, or an allergy to something in gun powder. She also advised the "foreigner" referred to above is Joseph BEAUHARNAIS no address known

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases Mr & Mrs William B WERNCKE		Address of subject RT-1 Huntley Ill		Character of case SM-Misc	
Complainant Mrs Frank W. Donaldson 328 Hamilton, Geneva Ill		Complainant's address and telephone number Geneva 7141		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 12/9 Time 8:57A	
Subject's Description	Race W	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height 6'	Hair Lt Brown	Build Medium
	Age middle 40's		Weight 190	Eyes —	Complexion light
	Scars, marks or other data W female 5'4" Blind medium attractive				
Birth date and birthplace handsome - wears mustache					

Facts of complaint

Complainant advised a couple of months ago Subjects began appearing at meetings of Suburban Animal League in that area. Subjects lived on farm in Huntley for years & he is a former Bund leader who allegedly was convicted during W.W.II for jamming radio gear of airplanes with radio gear. Mr Werncke, a mother who is dead also was allegedly picked up by FBI during W.W.II. Mrs DORE PERRINOTT Huntley Illinois, a friend of Complainant, is only person according to Complainant who has been in Subject's house from that area. Perrinott was invited to Subject's house for Thanksgiving and described the house as an arsenal loaded with guns & cartridges & has detonators also some gear & wires were, by Werncke's admission to Perrinott Wre Tapping gear. Further Perrinott put her elbows on the kitchen table & received some sort of rash or burns, which her doctor does not know what the cause is, according to Perrinott, the doctor indicated it may be from some radio active material. at the Subject's residence on Thanksgiving was a "foreigner" not further described to Complainant by Perrinott, who according to Werncke was looking for a wife.

Action Recommended

File 65-582

Joseph E. Evans
(Agent)

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these pieces in storage on orders from Mrs. WERNECKE, NICOLAS was nevertheless indicted in October, 1958, and now is awaiting trial before a jury. NICOLAS states that he is being "railroaded" and both he and his attorney, a Mr. MAKER, are unable to understand how such a thing could happen in an American Court.

It should be noted that the States Attorney's Chief investigator is a man named PAUL NEWBY. PAUL NEWBY at one time worked for NICOLAS, during which period of time NEWBY signed NICOLAS' signature to several checks and pocketed the money. NICOLAS subsequently brought NEWBY to trial which resulted in NEWBY having to refund NICOLAS over \$500 and to pay court costs. NICOLAS is of the opinion that WERNECKE and NEWBY have teamed up on him in the present court action due to a mutual dislike of him.

As a matter of record it should be noted that NICOLAS is subject of Identification Record number 891620, having violated immigration laws in 1935 and having been arrested for mail fraud in 1936. NICOLAS is a naturalized citizen, served in Army Intelligence during World War II and was given an honorable discharge. Since the war he has built up a successful real estate business, is married and recently adopted a baby. His wife KATHERINE, is a native of Chicago.

Early in October, 1958, NICOLAS advised SA HESTER that a circular had been mailed to hundreds of real estate firms in Chicago and to all of his close friends. He exhibited a copy of this circular which was printed in bold type -- "Warning - Real Estate Brokers, Real Estate Owners and Buyers Concerning DADISHOU NICOLAS, Operator Diversey Realty Company, 5403 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois." This was followed with a picture of NICOLAS and a summary of his criminal record with the FBI set forth accurately. It also stated that his wife was his "accomplice and tool" and that all transactions of this firm are "fraudulent and dishonest." The circular was signed "Illinois Real Estate Brokers Security Committee, Springfield, Chicago, Rockford."

NICOLAS is of the opinion this circular was made by WERNECKE with PAUL NEWBY's help. He knows of no other enemies.

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A copy of this circular was shown to SAC AUERBACH by SA HESTER and he immediately communicated with the States Attorney's Office. Results of this contact are not known to SA HESTER.

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From: Director, FBI

BOMBING CASES HAVING APPARENT RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS BASIS

By SAC Letter No. 58-63 you were instructed to take certain steps in cases involving bombings having an apparent racial or religious interest with resultant widespread publicity interest. In view of the number of cases arising involving the bombings of schools, churches, and other edifices, and since time is of the essence in handling such investigations, it is necessary that the field office receive immediate notification of any such bombing. It is desirable that each office have a proposed plan of action which can be immediately activated to enable the Bureau to carry out its responsibilities in a most efficient manner.

By airtel of October 20, 1958, you were further directed to prepare appropriate instructions for the personnel of your office as to the manner in which such a program could be placed into effect. In this connection you should make certain that your instructions include the following points:

I. Notification

- A. The employee receiving the information concerning the bombing must immediately notify the SAC or whoever is acting in his absence giving full details of all available information. The employee will then furnish such information to the ASAC.
- B. The SAC or individual acting in charge of the office must immediately notify the Bureau by telephone furnishing the known facts and obtain authority in each instance to make an immediate statement to the press.
- C. The SAC or individual in charge will contact the press in accordance with SAC Letter No. 58-63.

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- D. The SAC or individual in charge will contact the local authorities and extend the FBI services.
- E. The ASAC will arrange for immediate notification of necessary Agent personnel. This should be handled in the most expeditious manner. You may desire to setup a system whereby each Agent upon receiving notification is responsible for immediately notifying another designated Agent thus increasing the number of Agents that may be contacted in the shortest possible time. Agents should proceed to the office or to the scene of the bombing to carry out their previously designated assignments.
- F. The ASAC may in instances involving bombings having apparent racial or religious basis immediately notify neighboring offices by teletype so that such offices may begin an immediate check as to the whereabouts of possible suspects.

II. Assignments

- A. The SAC or person acting in his absence will immediately proceed to the scene of the bombing and will be responsible for the over-all supervision and coordination of all Bureau activities.
- B. The ASAC, the second in command, will remain at the field office.
- C. An Agent should be designated to maintain liaison with the police. Consideration should be given to having this individual stationed at police headquarters so that he may immediately obtain any pertinent information coming to the attention of local authorities.
- D. Military liaison. Consideration should be given to having an Agent responsible for liaison with military authorities. This is particularly important in instances wherein it may be necessary to request explosive or detonation experts from a military establishment to handle explosives found at the scene which have not been discharged. Of course, it will not always be necessary for military explosive or detonation experts to be called to the scene.

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BOMBING CASES HAVING APPARENT RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS BASIS

- E. Crime scene search. Agents must be designated in advance who will be responsible upon notification to immediately proceed to the scene and handle the crime scene search.
 - F. Informants. An Agent should be designated in advance to immediately contact by the most expeditious means all informants who are in a position to have knowledge concerning the bombing or individuals responsible therefor.
 - G. Neighborhood investigation. Agents who have been previously designated should immediately upon notification proceed to the scene to institute immediate investigation in neighborhood of the crime scene.
 - H. Suspects. Agents previously designated should upon notification of a bombing institute immediate investigation to account for the whereabouts during the pertinent period of logical potential suspects.
- III. Your office should at this time review files and maintain a list of potential suspects who may be affiliated with any of the various "hate groups" and/or have indicated they might resort to violence. The suspects should be assigned to designated Agents who will be responsible for developing at the earliest possible time background information regarding each suspect. Such background should include information as to the suspect's residence; his place of employment and hours of employment; description of his automobile together with the license number; photograph of suspect; identification record of suspect; and a reliable neighborhood source.
- || In addition to an Agent being responsible for designated suspects, there should also be an alternate Agent responsible for the background information on each suspect.
- IV. Observation. It is recognized, of course, that there are varying factors and conditions existing in different localities throughout the country and your program must be designed to most efficiently cover the areas within your territory. The foregoing are submitted as suggestions for the implementation of the program in your office and are not to be considered as all inclusive. A program

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must be devised to permit immediate action in instances where you will initiate active investigation.

You should advise the Bureau within ten days of the receipt of this communication of the individuals within your territory being considered as potential suspects in such matters.

All investigation must be afforded thorough, expeditious attention. The Bureau must be kept currently informed of developments. The office of origin must submit a daily teletype summary to the Bureau setting forth results of investigation conducted on that date and indicating in detail the investigation to be handled the following date.

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**DOUBTING CASES HAVING
APPARENT RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS BASIS**

Re attached Bureau airtel to all SACs dated October 22, 1953, which requested all offices to review files for potential suspects who may be affiliated with any of the various "hate groups" and/or have indicated they might resort to violence. The suspects should be assigned to designated agents who will be responsible for developing at the earliest possible time background information regarding each suspect. This background should include residence, employment, hours of employment, description of his auto, license, photo, identification record, and reliable neighborhood source.

In addition to an agent being responsible for each designated suspects there should be an alternate agent for the background on each suspect.

This matter should be given the immediate attention by the agent to whom these cases are assigned.

Cases are being opened (except those cases already open) at this time by the Chicago Office on the individuals and/or their organizations listed below.

105-1700 - JOSEPH DEANTHANNIS
105-3092 - CP C (F. ALLEN HARR) assigned LOGSTAD
105-1152 - EUSTACE CLARENCE JULLINS
105-2700 - NATIONALIST CONSERVATION PARTY
~~105-582~~ - (WILLIAM WERNICKE) assigned GRIBER
105-3527 - MATTHIAS KOELL
105-now - HAYNARD "MAX" NELSEN

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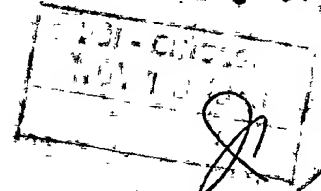
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NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY
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The attached FD 302 is being designated for the files indicated. This information was obtained on 10/21/58, from RUTH WERNECKE and the original is located in the 1A exhibit of 105-2790.

1-65-582 (WILLIAM D. WERNECKE)
1-105-3357 (F. ALLEN MANN, JR.)
1-105- (RUTH WERNECKE)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate October 27, 1958

RUTH WERNECKE, nee REINER, who presently goes under the name of RUTH ENGSTROM, 5307 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised that S. ALLEN MANN, 841 South County Line Road, Hinsdale, Illinois, who is about 22 or 23 years old, telephonically contacted WILLIAM B. WERNECKE in May, 1958. MANN's purpose in calling WERNECKE was to secure his assistance in how to handle dynamite and how to set off an explosion. WILLIAM WERNECKE agreed to this, but no specific date was agreed upon.

RUTH WERNECKE did not know whether MANN ever received any instructions from WILLIAM WERNECKE in this matter.

Interview with RUTH WERNECKE File # 105-2790
on 10/21/58 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 10/22/58
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

December 31, 1958

SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X (RACIAL MATTERS)

An investigation of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE is being conducted by the Chicago Office as indicated in the Chicago letter dated November 28, 1958, submitted with a closing report of SA PAUL M. GRIBER entitled, "NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY, IS - X (RACIAL MATTERS)" made at Chicago, also dated November 28, 1958. (Bureau file 105-39508, Chicago file 105-2790)

The above report reflected that WERNECKE personally visited the Chicago Office on October 16, 1958, concerning another matter relating to possible WSTA violation on the part of his estranged wife. After he completed furnishing the data on the WSTA matter, WERNECKE voluntarily furnished information concerning his residence and employment and the fact that he was an official in the American Humane Society. He stated that he was acquainted with EUSTACE MULLINS and MATTHIAS KOEHL, both of Chicago, and furnished their respective residences. Both MULLINS and KOEHL are subjects of Racial Matter investigations of the Chicago Office. He also claimed to be uninformed concerning the bombings in Atlanta, Georgia, and Peoria, Illinois. He excused himself from the interview because of another commitment.

During the above interview WERNECKE exhibited a friendly and most cooperative attitude and stated that if he learned of any information of interest to the FBI, he would notify this office.

On December 22, 1958, WERNECKE telephonically contacted SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD and advised that he had learned that an inquiry had been made concerning his possession of explosives. He claimed that he was calling to express his willingness to assist the FBI in any way he could. WERNECKE voluntarily admitted possessing a quantity of black powder which he indicated was used to load shotgun shells and admitted possessing blasting caps which are used in dynamiting tree stumps on his farm in Huntley, Illinois.

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(1 - 105-2790 (NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY)

(1 - 98-1890 (BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS)

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WERNECKE was advised that the FBI was most appreciative for receiving any information pertaining to violation of laws of the United States and he should also feel free to furnish this office with any information coming to his attention concerning acts of violence against any racial or religious groups.

In view of the apparent cooperative attitude displayed by WERNECKE and his willingness to furnish information concerning individuals considered to be capable of extremist activities, Bureau authority is requested to interview WERNECKE for the purpose of determining the extent of his knowledge of individuals engaged in racist activities. The utmost discretion will be used to allow WERNECKE to volunteer all he knows concerning other individuals without disclosing the Bureau's interest in WERNECKE, himself. This office will also accept any other information he cares to volunteer concerning his activities.

SAC, CHICAGO (105-2790)

November 3, 1958

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**NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - S**

This is to advise that on October 16, 1958, Mr. WILLIAM B. WERNECKE personally called at the Chicago Office for the purpose of furnishing information pertaining to a possible White Slave Traffic Act violation on the part of his wife and DADISHOW NICOLAS. Mr. WERNECKE furnished information pertaining to this complaint to SA JAMES F. BONER and when he had completed furnishing this information to SA BONER, SA GAROLD R. FITZGERALD joined SA BONER in connection with instant interview, inasmuch as SA BONER had to be in court at this time and he, therefore, excused himself from the interview.

Inasmuch as Mr. WERNECKE completed furnishing information pertaining to the White Slave Traffic Act violation, the conversation immediately shifted to Mr. WERNECKE, his personal problems in connection with his marital difficulties. In the course of discussing his personal problems, he furnished the following background information pertaining to himself:

He stated that his present address is at Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, phone number Huntley 5225 and 5587. He stated that he was in Chicago on a

- 1 - 93-1890 (Bombings and Attempted Bombings)
- 1 - 25-5976 (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)
- ① - 65-582 (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)
- 1 - 62-5467 (Threatened Bombing of the Residence of DADISHOW NICOLAS)
- 1 - 105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS)
- 1 - 105-1152 (EUSTACE MULLINS)
- 1 - 105-3527 (MATTHIAS KOEHL)

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temporary basis but was residing at 6250 Wayne Avenue, second floor. He stated that he could be reached by phone by calling the lady on the first floor at Phone Number SHoldrako 3-0710. In discussing his background, he stated that he was an official in the American Humane Society and exhibited a badge bearing the inscription American Humane Society. He stated that during the past, in February, he had travelled to Florida and in the course of his trip had visited in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he had not been South since that trip. During his visit in Atlanta, he was in contact with J. B. STONER. He stated that he knew STONER and had met him on previous occasions. He briefly referred to STONER as a pro-Segregationist. He stated that he also knew JACK PARSONS at Columbus, Georgia. He referred to PARSONS as possessing the same general beliefs as STONER. PARSONS is in the newspaper field.

In further discussing current events pertaining to racial issues, he stated that he was acquainted with EUSTACE MULLINS and MATTHIAS KOEHL. He stated that MULLINS could be reached at phone number GR. 7-5851 and that KOEHL resided on 64th Street in Milwaukee, exact address not recalled. He stated, however, that to the best of his knowledge MULLINS and KOEHL were residing together in MULLINS' apartment in Chicago.

He stated in respect to DADISEOW NICOLAS that he was scheduled to be a witness in a criminal court case, numbered 582964, scheduled to be held November 13, 1958. In

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· this respect he furnished a flyer pertaining to this individual bearing the caption "Warning Real Estate Brokers, Real Estate Owners, and Buyers Concerning Dadishov Nicolas". This leaflet is being maintained in the 1-A Section of Chicago File 62-5467 (Threatened Bombing of the Residence of DADISHOV NICOLAS).

Mr. WERNECKE stated that he had been so involved in his present marital difficulties that he had not even read current newspaper articles and was uninformed pertaining to bombings of Jewish synagogues in Atlanta and Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. WERNECKE in the course of his general discussion exhibited a friendly and cooperative attitude and stated that if he learned of any information of interest to the FBI he would call at this office in order to furnish same to this office.

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
H. WERNECKE
Trustees



EUSTACE MULLINS, Director
Society for the Propagation of the Humane Faith

American Humane Church

Route 1 - HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS

Oct. 17, 1938

Dear Sir,

I wish to offer an important clue in the dynamiting of the Atlanta synagogue. Contributions to the Jewish funds have been lagging this year, and the Jews hire people to blow up their synagogues, to frighten the little Jews into contributing to the millionaire Jewish leaders. This has been a notorious practice of the Jewish communities for thousands of years. A huge fund is raised to rebuild the building, and gentile businessmen are forced to contribute or their businesses are closed down. Yet these synagogues are insured! Once again the Jews, while busily exploiting the gentiles, raise the cry that they are being persecuted!

I can testify to important aspects of this practice, because Anti-Defamation League leaders offered me money to carry on anti-Jewish campaigns, and then persecuted me because I refused to cooperate with them. As you may know, all of the anti-Jewish agitation is directed by Jews, much of it under the leadership of Benjamin Freedman, a Jew. Lyle Stuart, who publishes a paper at 225 Lafayette St. NYC, NY, can also testify that the AntiDefamation League finances and assists anti-Jewish agitation.

I suggest that the leaders of the Jewish community be arrested at once and questioned night and day until they confess to this foul crime against their own people.

Also, another purpose in the Jews dynamiting their own synagogues at this time is their hope of declaring martial law and executing all Americans like myself who have a record of being opposed to Communism. This is their last chance to get the integration program through in the South, according to a prominent Jewish leader. However, I am serene in the Love of Jesus Christ, and I know that although the Jews did, indeed, that the body of Christ be crucified, they have never been able to eradicate the benign effect of His spirit on human civilization.

Yours in Christ,

REV. EUSTACE MULLINS

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SAC, (105-1152)

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**ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Re Atlanta letter to Chicago dated October 29, 1958,
with one enclosure captioned, "AMERICAN HUMANE CHURCH".

The purpose of this memorandum is to open two 105-dead cases, one on the American Humane Church and one on RUTH WERNECKE. Chicago photostated four copies of the enclosure in referenced letter and one copy of this enclosure is being designated, together with each copy of this memorandum, for the files designated below.

- 1 - (105-2790) (NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY)
- ① - (65-582) (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)
- 1 - (105-Dead) (AMERICAN HUMANE CHURCH)
- 1 - (105-Dead) (RUTH WERNECKE)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 11/10/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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b7CSUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

On October 21, 1958, RUTH WERNECKE, nee REINER, who presently goes under the name of RUTH ENGSTROM, 5307 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, (She resides in apartment of HERMAN NICKOLSEN, phone AR 1-9811) furnished SA [REDACTED] the following description of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE.

Race	White
Age	50
Height	5'11"
Build	Heavy
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown - graying
Dress	Usually wears business suit
Employment	Handling his own investments
Auto	Drives a 1949 black Cadillac - 4 door - Mexico tourist decal is located on right side of windshield. First two numbers of license are 28 and last three numbers are 506.

1 - 105-2790 (NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY)

1 - 105-Dead (RUTH WERNECKE)

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SA JULIAN R. WALTERS

**BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS
IN SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES
RACIAL MATTERS**

In order to assist in the solving of bombings and threats of bombings against religious and educational institutions, the Latent Fingerprint Section at the Bureau is establishing a Single Fingerprint File composed of fingerprints of known or potential users of explosives in these type crimes. In order to build up this file so it will serve a useful purpose, the Bureau has requested that each field office should by 11/14/58 furnish the Bureau, Attention Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, information including the names and aliases, as well as descriptions and arrests or FBI numbers of individuals, in each territory who are the type who may become involved in captioned violations.

In order to comply with the Bureau's request, the agents receiving copies of this memorandum should immediately furnish to the Bureau the requested information on the "hate subjects" who are assigned to them.

105-1709 JOSEPH BEAUBARNAIS) ✓
105-3527 (MATTHIAS KOEHL) ✓
105-3357 (F. ALLEN KANN) ✓
105-1152 (EUSTACE KULLING) ✓
105- (MAYNARD "MAX" NELSEN) ✓
105-582 (WILLIAM D. WERNICKE) ✓

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI 61-8118 Attention: Identification Division

Date: 11/14/58

Re
WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, IS-X

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

FBI No.
Other No. Army ASN 37645234

Aliases
WILLIAM BERNARD CHADBOURNE

Sex M	Race W	Birth Date 1/21/07	Birthplace Chicago, Illinois	Residence Farm at Huntley, Ill. and 6250 Wayne Ave., Chicago
Height 5'11"	Weight 190	Build Stocky	Hair Dark Brown	Eyes Blue
Fingerprint Classification			Complexion Fair	Age 51

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:

- ☐ Photo
☐ Fingerprints
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to:
Chicago (65-582)

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Identification Division's Reply

- ☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:
- ☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files
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Director

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USM, Chicago, Ill.	William Wernecke, #6011	9-8-42	Sel. Serv. - false inf. re: questionnaire	1-12-44, removed to Springfield Camp, Springfield, Mo. to serve 5 yr. sent. (see not)
Cook Co. Jail Chicago, Ill.	Wm. Bernade Wernecke, #37502	9-8-42	false IMF to questionnaire	9-9-42, del. to USM
Cook Co. Jail Chicago, Ill.	W. B. Wernecke #42461	6-11-43	remand. - Sel. Ser.	7-19-43, del'd. to USM
Cook Co. Jail Chicago, Ill.	Wm. Wernecke #45912	12-15-43	Sel. Service	1-12-44, del'd. to USM
Medical Center for Fed. Prisoners, Springfield, Mo.	William Bernard Wernecke #2241-PCS	1-13-44	S.S.A. (Making false statements in quest. fail to not.ch. of status	5 yrs. 8-16-44, reg. parole
War Dept., Wash., D. C.	William Bernard Wernecke #37645234	inducted 8-17-44		
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* *	Wm. Wernecke, Chicago, Ill. 1937, A.C.; appealed. Wm. Wernecke, Cook Co. Jail, Sol. Ser.; 6 weeks. (as on art. #45912) William Bernard Wernecke, viol of Sect. 511, Title 50, US Code (making false answers to questionnaire; 6-11-43 sent to 5 yrs & a fine of \$10,000; fully pardoned by President on 12-24-45.			

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BFD, Chicago, Ill.	William Wernecke 25-5976	Inquiry 8-8-42		
BFD, Chicago, Ill.	William Bernard Wernecke, 25-5976	5-5-42	Sol. Serv. Act.	6-11-43, 5 yrs. in the custody of the Attorney General and \$10,000 fine
<p>Additional aliases: "Bill", "Father Bernard", Rev. Wm. Wernecke, William B. Wernecke, William Wernyke, William L. Wernecke, "Hitler", Arthur Morgan.</p> <p>THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI</p>				

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

***** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: NOV 19 1958

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-245)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-1673)
SUBJECT: BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS
IN SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated October 16, 1958, requesting a review of office indices and files concerning the following organizations, which data should be furnished to the Office of Origin as well as the Bureau in the event it has not previously been done. Reference is also made to Atlanta letter of November 14, 1958.

Sufficient copies for Bureau files on each organization are being furnished as well as the Bureau's main file as captioned above.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WESTERN CULTURE
Bureau File 105-22853
NEW YORK:00

NATIONAL RENAISSANCE
PARTY
Bureau File 62-83296
NEW YORK:00

The Atlanta indices in regard to the American Committee for the Advancement of Western Culture (ACAWC) reflect that all pertinent matter regarding this organization is available to the New York Office; however, it is noted therein that one CHARLES WESTBROOK, Box 652, Trion, Georgia, had contacted the ACACW in May 1953. During this particular period of time the ACACW was in the process of appointing Regional Directors. It is unknown whether WESTBROOK was a Regional Director of this organization; however, the following data is being furnished the New York Office regarding WESTBROOK. This is the only pertinent data available in the Atlanta files which is not also available to the Office of Origin and the Bureau.

Files reflect that on July 31, 1956, ART LEVIN of the Southern Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League furnished SA ALDEN F. MILLER photostatic copies of four letters from CHARLES

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 - (1- Christian Patriots Crusade)
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 - (1- National States Rights Party)
 - (1- Silver Shirt Legion of America)
 - (1- WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY)
- 4-Los Angeles (1- Bomb Survey File)
 - (1- Christian Nationalist Crusade)
 - (1- WILLIAMS Intelligence Summary)
 - (1- ROBERT H. WILLIAMS)
- 2-Newark (1- Bomb Survey File)
 - (1- Christian Educational Association)
- 6-New York (1- Bombings and Attempted Bombings)
 - (2- American Committee for the Advancement of Western Culture)
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 - (1- 105-602, Christian Patriots Crusade)
 - (1- 105-197, National Citizens Protective Association)
 - (1- 100-5213, National Renaissance Party)
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 - (1- 105-new, Nationalists Party)
 - (1- 105-new, Nationalists Conservative Party)
 - (1- 61-4, Silver Shirt Legion of America)
 - (1- 105-544, White Citizens Council, District of Columbia)
 - (1- 105-new, Williams Intelligence Summary)

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WESTBROOK to one Mr. MADOLE of the National Renaissance Party. These letters are as follows:

1. Undated letter from CHARLES WESTBROOK to Mr. MADOLE, thanking him for LeBlanc pamphlets. Letter indicates WESTBROOK was National Renaissance Party, Georgia Chairman, and that he was distributing pamphlets to his mailing list and also to the local libraries. WESTBROOK further indicated that he was working on the "STONER" group (apparently referring to J. B. STONER, leader of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party); however, indicated unable to make contact with them, nor had he been able to obtain or learn anything about membership of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party. WESTBROOK indicates that when STONER makes another speech in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he will photograph members identified by their arm band, and will attempt to identify those persons and make contact by that means. WESTBROOK also indicates that one LLOYD FRICKE has assured WESTBROOK of support toward starting a party branch in New Orleans and instructed WESTBROOK to write to one KENT COURTNEY. WESTBROOK also requests a bulletin on racial segregation when it is printed, and indicates that he forwarded samples of literature distributed by various Southern groups on segregation.

2. Letter of CHARLES WESTBROOK dated February 13, 1955, addressed to JAMES H. MADOLE, National Director of the National Renaissance Party. In this letter WESTBROOK identifies himself as the Georgia Party Chairman of the National Renaissance Party - Elite Guard. WESTBROOK states that he has been in contact with EDWARD REED FIELDS; however, contemplates discontinuing further contact with FIELDS, because FIELDS attempted to win WESTBROOK away from the National Renaissance Party, so that he might join the Christian Anti-Jewish Party. FIELDS, according to WESTBROOK, indicated that WESTBROOK belonged to another political party which has no working agreement with the Arch Leader of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party, therefore, he cannot give him any information. Secondly, FIELDS indicated to WESTBROOK that he has full knowledge of the National Renaissance Party's official policy, and that it is too weak on the Jewish problem. WESTBROOK comments that if FIELDS has full knowledge of the National Renaissance Party's basic problem, he must not understand articles in the basic program, as they are as strong as you can get on the Jewish problem. WESTBROOK stated that FIELDS

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only wants to send all Jews to Palestine. WESTBROOK further advised that he thought the Christian Anti-Jewish Party organization just talks, and further he had never heard of this Christian Anti-Jewish Party group except for a small item in the Chattanooga paper wherein it was reported that one J. B. STONER made a speech on the Courthouse steps. WESTBROOK also indicated that he was enclosing with his letter a drawing of a pistol stock, and stated he would like to know if the elite guard has one, and if so, would it be possible for WESTBROOK to borrow it. WESTBROOK stated he was continuing to contact persons whose addresses MADOLE had previously forwarded to them.

3. Letter dated March 1, 1955, to Mr. MADOLE, which acknowledged receipt of MADOLE's letter of February 27. WESTBROOK comments regarding the difficulty in winning some of STONER's followers over to "us", and that he desired instructions on the basic methods to go about this conversion. WESTBROOK indicated that MADOLE thought STONER's followers could be used for the common good of the National Renaissance Party, just as well as the Christian Anti-Jewish Party. WESTBROOK further advised that FIELDS had indicated they had membership of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party in Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Birmingham areas. WESTBROOK indicates that he has corresponded with a Mrs. SANDERS in Pennsylvania on two occasions, and that she had informed him she was planning on working with a group in Philadelphia. Mr. LLOYD FRICKE, JR., has contacted WESTBROOK, and WESTBROOK is attempting to contact COURTNEY in New Orleans. FRICKE has promised WESTBROOK his support, and if he can obtain the assistance of COURTNEY, should not find it too difficult to establish a New Orleans Branch of the National Renaissance Party. Further, WESTBROOK requested the Southern Chairman's name and address, of the National Renaissance Party.

4. Letter dated May 13, 1955, to Mr. MADOLE. WESTBROOK, in this letter, states that he can report progress toward organizing; also indicates that he is in contact with the Southern Nationalists whose addresses were previously furnished to him by MADOLE. Three of these addresses were located in Atlanta, Georgia. WESTBROOK indicates that he still has been unable to contact members of STONER's Christian Anti-Jewish Party. WESTBROOK requested from MADOLE books on wire tapping, and a list of the

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equipment necessary for tapping phone wires. WESTBROOK inquires regarding one HANS SCHMIDT.

The Southern Regional Office of the Anti-Deformation League also made available the following background regarding CHARLES DAVID WESTBROOK. He was born March 15, 1934, married, and lives with his wife in a modest section. In early 1955, WESTBROOK broke into a local school, tore down pictures, threw ink and oil over the walls and desks, tore down the Georgia and American flags, disfigured and destroyed them, tore various pages from the Bible in the school, and in general did much damage to the property. In 1955, his reputation was not considered good, nor was his work record satisfactory; however, he gains his livelihood through the steady employment of his wife, who works in a textile mill.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Bureau File 105-9621
NEWARK:00

A review of Atlanta files fails to reflect any additional pertinent information available in this office which is not already in the possession of the Bureau and the Office of Origin.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE
Bureau File 62-43818
LOS ANGELES:00

A review of pertinent indices, Atlanta Office, regarding the Christian Nationalist Crusade, reflect that on June 8, 1958, Mr. EMORY S. BALDWIN, Chief, Legal Branch, U. S. Army Engineer Corps, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he had been contacted by one Mrs. MAX ANDREWS, 693 Sunny Brook Drive, Decatur, Georgia, and that she furnished him a leaflet and requested his presence at an organizational meeting of a group known as the Christian Nationalist Crusade. Mr. BALDWIN advised that later in June of 1958, he had been contacted again by Mrs. ANDREWS, at which time she indicated her efforts at organizing a group in behalf of the Christian Nationalist Crusade had met with little success.

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On August 26, 1958, [redacted] advised SA HENRY E. KING (original source, Atlanta file [redacted]), that one GEORGE BRIGHT had advised him that GERALD SMITH, who resides on the West Coast of the United States, was actively engaged in raising money on the West Coast which was to be utilized for the defense for BRIGHT and others who were arrested by the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department, for picketing activities of the Atlanta Journal, an Atlanta, Georgia daily newspaper. The picketing activities of BRIGHT referred to occurred on July 27, 1958, and involved five individuals who were carrying signs bearing Anti-Jewish statements.

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The Atlanta Office of the FBI on October 23, 1958, received an undressed letter in an envelope which letter was captioned "Atlanta Scandal". The contents of this paper purportedly were written by GERALD L. K. SMITH, and states as follows:

"A very disturbing report has come to my desk. Five young patriots in the State of Georgia decided that they had their stomachs full of Jew-created, Jew-slanted news stories concerning what is going on in the world. Two of the worst newspapers in the United States are in the City of Atlanta. They do not reflect the Southern tradition. It is believed by many keen observers that both of these journals are manipulated by people who do not have the best interests of the South at heart.

"These five young men, representing a body of patriots, decided to picket these newspapers with signs protesting Jewish influence. They were picked up, railroaded, and sentenced to 30 days in jail. I have the names and addresses of the young men, but I am not going to give them to the public because I do not want them to be the victims of increased persecution. It is my understanding that they were released under bond and are appealing their cases. We propose to go into the matter thoroughly and if the situation is what it seems to be, we shall advise our friends to come to their aid, comfort and encouragement of these young men who have only been denied their civil liberties, but have become the victims of Jew-controlled tyranny.

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"Atlanta is a bad city. It has many bad people in it. The politicians in that city are inclined to be the puppets of the secret Jewish machine. Do not judge the State of Georgia by what goes on in the City of Atlanta. The politicians of Atlanta have always fought the Talmadges and the people who have come to the defense of Southern tradition. Very frequently the Negro politicians of Atlanta are under the direct manipulation of New York Jews as well as Atlanta Jews.

There are no other pertinent references to this organization in the Atlanta indices of which the Bureau and Office of Origin have not been previously advised.

CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS CRUSADE, Aka
American Christian Patriots Party
Bureau File 105-53447
CHICAGO:00

A review of Atlanta indices fails to reflect any pertinent information regarding this organization which has not been previously furnished to the Bureau and Chicago, Office of Origin in this investigation.

NATIONAL CITIZENS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
Bureau File 105-16510
ST. LOUIS:00

A review of Atlanta files fails to reflect any additional information regarding the above captioned organization not previously furnished to the Bureau and Office of Origin, St. Louis.

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
Bureau File 105-66233
INDIANAPOLIS:00

A check of the Atlanta indices reflects that there are numerous references regarding the National States Rights

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Party as well as its preceding organization, The United White Party. The Bureau and the Office of Origin were furnished copies of Atlanta report dated November 6, 1958, of SAC N. R. JOHNSON, captioned "WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ETAL, Bombing of The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Road, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, 10/12/58, INFORMATION CONCERNING," Atlanta file 62-1672.

For the information of the Bureau and Indianapolis Office, all pertinent data in Atlanta files was summarized in above report and is located on pages 222 to 277. Office of Origin was furnished copies of this report for their file 105-975. The information in this report attributed to LESLEY ROGERS was actually furnished by Atlanta Security Informant [REDACTED] This informant's identity will be divulged to State Authorities for use in a state trial regarding the Atlanta Temple bombing which is on the court calendar for the first week in December 1958. Above referenced pages in Atlanta report specify the location of the original source of information.

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Due to the voluminous nature of information furnished regarding this organization by the informant, no attempt is being made to restate this information as it involves some fifty pages of typing, and is available to both the Bureau and Office of Origin, Indianapolis.

The Atlanta Office will duplicate the original informant's reports relating to this organization, and upon completion of the duplication of these informant reports, they will be furnished to the Office of Origin as these reports may contain sidelight issues which in their fragmentary nature may be of value to Indianapolis in conducting its intensified investigation of the National States Rights Party. Upon completion of the duplication of informant reports, they will be furnished to Indianapolis. For further assistance to the Bureau and Indianapolis in locating specific information contained in referenced Atlanta report, on 11/14/58, a detailed index was submitted to the Bureau as well as the Indianapolis Office, assisting in the location of pertinent information in regard to individuals mentioned as well as organizations.

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NATIONALIST PARTY
Bureau File 105-33261
NEW YORK:00

A check of Atlanta indices reflects that all pertinent data regarding this organization has previously been furnished to the Office of Origin as well as to the Bureau.

NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY
Bureau File 105-39509
CHICAGO:00

A check of the Atlanta indices fails to reflect any pertinent information relating to the Nationalist Conservative Party which is not already in possession of the Bureau and Office of Origin. In regard to WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, who reportedly is the founder of the Nationalist Conservative Party, the Bureau's and Chicago's attention is directed to Chicago's letter of March 29, 1957, captioned "The American Humane Society, IS-X", Chicago file 105-3907. Enclosed with Chicago's letter was a blank memorandum regarding the American Humane Society, and contents of the memorandum indicate the organization ostensibly had as its purpose a Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Inquiry in 1956 failed to reflect little, if any, activity toward this organization's stated goal; however, it was noted that of a group of individuals carried on the letterhead stationery of this organization identified as Advisory Board Directors, a number had previous fascist group activities or hate type organization activities. Included in this group of Advisory Board Directors was one J. B. STONER, the founder and Arch Leader of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party in Atlanta, Georgia.

On October 23, 1958, ART LEVIN, Southern Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League, Atlanta, Georgia, advised SA ALDEN F. MILLER that one CHARLES KELLY of Valdosta, Georgia, had visited the farm of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, near Chicago, Illinois, during 1957, at which time KELLY had received instructions in the use and handling of dynamite on WERNECKE's farm.

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The reliability of the above information is unknown as the informant who furnished this information to the Anti-Deformation League, is unknown to ART LEVIN.

It should be noted that CHARLES KELLY of Valdosta, Georgia, received consideration as a possible suspect in the bombing of the Clinton, Tennessee, School during October 1958.

SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA
Bureau File 61-758
INDIANAPOLIS:00

A review of the Atlanta indices regarding this organization and WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE, reflects that all pertinent information in Atlanta files has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Office of Origin.

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; Aka
Washington White Citizens Council
Bureau File 100-423395
WFO:00

A review of Atlanta indices reflects that all pertinent data concerning above captioned matter has previously been furnished to the Bureau and WFO. The Atlanta Office has also furnished all pertinent data to the Bureau and Office of Origin as it related to JOHN KASPER, except that on August 1, 1958, [] reported that BILLY BRANHAM, GEORGE BRIGHT, and L. E. ROGERS, met JOHN KASPER upon his release from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, and that BRIGHT and BRANHAM had accompanied KASPER that date to Tallahassee, Florida.

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For WFO's information, it is to be noted that GEORGE BRIGHT has been indicted in Fulton County, Georgia; and is presently in custody awaiting trial for his connections in conjunction with the bombing of the Atlanta Temple on October 12, 1958.

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WILLIAMS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
Bureau File 105-10091
LOS ANGELES:00

A review of the Atlanta indices reflects that all pertinent information regarding the Williams Intelligence Summary as well as ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, has been previously furnished to the Bureau and Office of Origin.

The above is the results of Atlanta indices searches conducted prior to November 5, 1958, on the indicated organizations. Results of Atlanta indices search as it related to the Christian Anti-Jewish Party, and the Confederate Underground will be reported by the Atlanta Office in its periodic reports submitted under those captions.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . . . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (105-2790)

FROM : SA PAUL M. GRIBER

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY
IS - X

DATE: 11-21-58

On 10/20/58, RUTH WERNECKE, 5307 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois furnished information primarily concerning WILLIAM B. WERNECKE to SAs LLOYD O. BOGSTAD and PAUL M. GRIBER. She also claimed that WILLIAM WERNECKE was also acquainted in some degree with the following individuals, and copies of an FD 302 dated 10/24/58, had been prepared and a copy has been designated to the files of these individuals:

MATTHIAS KOEHL
MAX NELSON
JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS
ANTHONY MARINO

1-105-5606 (RUTH WERNECKE)
1-105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS)
1-100-3527 (MATTHIAS KOEHL)
1-100-506 (ANTHONY MARINO)
1-105-5582 (MAYNARD "MAX" NELSON)
①-65-582 (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)
1-98-1890 (BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS
PMG:BMC IN SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Illinois

In reply, please
refer to File No. 105-2790

11/28/58

NATIONALIST CONSERVATIVE PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X (RACIAL MATTERS)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Paul M. Griber, dated and captioned as above at Chicago.

T-1 mentioned in this report, has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-2 is an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: December 19, 1958

FROM : SA JAMES F. BONER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 12/19/58 at 1:00 P.M. Mr. WERNECKE telephonically contacted SA JAMES F. BONER and stated that his landlady, Mrs. YADGIR, 2653 N. Wilton, Telephone number EA 7-7694, told him that several days ago, an individual identifying himself as an FBI Agent contacted her and made inquiry regarding WERNECKE. He stated that YADGIR told him that she actually doubted that this individual was an FBI Agent.

When the writer attempted to obtain further information from WERNECKE, WERNECKE put on the telephone Mrs. ~~LILLIAN YADGIR~~ *Mrs. DAVID YADGIR*.

Mrs. YADGIR advised SA BONER that several days ago an individual appeared at her place of residence, 2653 N. Wilton, and presented "some sort of a card with a picture and writing" and identified himself as an FBI Agent. She described this man as WMA, 33-35 yrs. of age, 5'8" tall, thin build, well dressed. She stated this individual make inquiry regarding Mr. WERNECKE. She stated this individual also talked to her son, ~~HIMMY YADGIR~~, who resides with her.

She further stated that after this individuals departure she became suspicious as to whether or not he was actually an FBI Agent, and advised Mr. WERNECKE of the inquiry.

Indices reflects WILLIAM B. WERNECKE is subject of file 65-582, assigned SA GREIBER.

It is recommended that SA PAUL GREIBER, currently on Annual Leave, be contacted and asked if he made inquiry regarding WERNECKE at residence of Mrs. YADGIR. If SA GREIBER did not make an inquiry at her residence it is recommended this be forwarded to C-4 desk and a new case be opened under 47 classification.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: January 6, 1959

FROM



CORRELATION CLERK

ATT'N: SA PAUL M. GRIBER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
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It should be noted that this memo contains both identical and questionable security references. Also identical criminal references.

It should also be noted that file 31-8145 is on the common-law wife of the subject and that subject is the complainant.

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Report of SA M. E. SCHEFFER at Chicago, Illinois dated 7-3-42 regarding "GEORGE JOHN DASCH" contained the contents of a signed statement dated July 2, 1942 at Winnetka, Illinois furnished to SAS RALPH F. MC COY, GEORGE D. O'CONNOR and MILLARD E. SCHAEFFER, by HANS MAX HAUPT. The statement reads in part as follows:

"I wish to state further that I know HERBERT was in contact with MARTHA WERNECKE and her son, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. I am quite positive that HERBERT told them the story of his trip to Germany and the manner of his return trip to the United States. I recall that HERBERT mentioned to me that he wanted to see WILLIAM WERNECKE about contacting a doctor and a priest. HERBERT had told me that WERNECKE had seen a certain doctor which he wanted to meet, that this doctor had fixed WERNECKE up in some manner so that he wouldn't be called for the draft. It is my honest opinion that WERNECKE and his mother, no doubt, know the whole story regarding HERBERT's return trip from Germany to the United States via submarine, as WERNECKE was one of HERBERT's best friends before HERBERT went to Germany."

The HERBERT referred to was HAUPT's son.

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MICHAEL PLUMMER, JR., 10445 So. Homan Ave., Chicago, Beverly 8-0755, on 3-5-55 advised SA F. J. DUFFIN that he had been quoted (correctly) in a Chicago newspaper as being opposed to the enactment of a "Sullivan Law" for Chicago, since he considered it to be "unamerican." This proposed law would be similar to New York's "Sullivan Law" regarding the ownership and carrying of firearms on one's person. The complainant stated that he was a target shooter and a gun fancier and was opposed to any Sullivan Law.

"Last week" one WILLIAM B. WERNECKE had called the complainant on the telephone and stated that he was the National Chairman of the Nationalist Conservative Party, 6250 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago and 82 W. Washington Blvd. WERNECKE asked the complainant to become a member of the Nationalist Conservative Party. WERNECKE advised the complainant that he had read about him in the newspaper and wanted to support him in his stand against the Sullivan Law in Chicago.

The complainant stated that some acquaintance (name unknown) had advised him that WERNECKE was mixed up with the German Bunds prior to the ending of World War II.

WERNECKE sent literature to the complainant, through the mail. The complainant did not recall the exact nature of the literature but stated that it concerned labor leaders and that he had it available at his home.

105-2857-1A5 p.6

WILLIAM PINSLEY, 343 So. Dearborn on 10-10-55 furnished SA L. O. BOGSTAD, "Report of ADL Midwest Fact-Finding Department Summer-1955, Chicago, Illinois October 4, 1955."

Under caption "Miscellaneous Items" the report reflects that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE and the National Conservative Party continued to send out literature to different points around the country hoping for this recently started group to gain more members. To that date, WERNECKE had held no public meetings and had concentrated his activities on establishing liaison with like-minded individuals and groups all over the country. Because he was financially independent WERNECKE had not asked for financial support from prospective members.

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105-1302-236

Security Unit of the Chicago Police Department on 10-25-55 furnished SE HUGH M. BARNHARDT a typewritten report on the Anti-United Nations Picket Demonstration, City Hall; auspices American Rally and Nationalist Conservative Party, Monday, October 24, 1955.

Among those taking part in the demonstration was WILLIAM WERNECKE (former Nazi and convicted draft dodger), who carried the flag in the demonstration, stated he represented the Nationalist Conservative Party. Drove car, Illinois license number 1736527 which checked to W. B. WERNECKE, R.I., Huntley, Illinois.

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WILLIAM G. PINSLEY, 343 So. Dearborn on 11-3-55 furnished SA [redacted] "Report of ADL Midwest Fact-Finding Department Chicago, Illinois November 1, 1955."

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The report reflects that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, Chicago leader of the Nationalist Conservative Party, appeared to be the sponsor of EUSTACE MULLINS in the Chicago area. MULLINS reportedly had been living in WERNECKE's home and WERNECKE had recently acquired a small printing press to facilitate publication of a monthly periodical, MULLINS served as editor. WERNECKE continued to maintain close ties with well-known hate representatives around the country in his effort to exploit support of his own Nationalist Conservative Party.

100-31807-3

Report of SA FRED A. COOTS at Norfolk dated 4-11-56 regarding "Virginia League Incorporated, aka Virginia League" reflects that WILLIAM SCOTT STEPHENSON, 310 53rd St., Newport News, Va., a PCI of the Norfolk Office, advised on 3-2-56 that the Virginia League was dormant other than its monthly circulation of "The Virginian" which circulation was estimated at 4,000 to 6,000. STEPHENSON advised that as President of the Virginia League, he was on the mailing list of "such Fascist groups as KKK, Waco-Texas, and 'Europea n Union Movement', London, England."

STEPHENSON advised on March 29, 1956 that he was much concerned over his having received a letter from JOHN J. E. BEDFORD, Editor of the London, England newspaper called the "Union." STEPHENSON stated that the letter in

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question stated that BEDFORD had received a copy of "The Virginian" from WILLIAM WERNECKE, Chicago, Illinois and further that there was an enclosure to the letter of one copy of the "Union" weekly newspaper.

STEPHENSON believed that he met WILLIAM WERNECKE, a purported free-lance writer, at the Constitution Day Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in September, 1955. STEPHENSON stated that he could not recall how WERNECKE would have gotten the copy of "The Virginian" to forward to BEDFORD in London.

The Virginia League is a "paper organization" formed in Virginia that advocated segregation between white and colored and opposed the Supreme Court ruling on integration in public schools in Virginia.

Careful consideration has been given to the concealed source in this report and a T symbol was used only where the identity of the informant must be concealed.

105-3357-3

[redacted] Panel Source, appeared at the Indianapolis Office, 6-28-56 and advised that he had corresponded with F. ALLEN MANN implying a mutual interest along fascist, anti-Semitic lines. According to [redacted] MANN resided at Hinsdale, Illinois and published a Fascist sheet called "Revere."

On 6-27-56 MANN phoned [redacted] and talked at length on activities and future plans on his associates. During the conversation [redacted] happened to mention to MANN that he was going to Chicago, Illinois, July 2 through July 4, 1956, whereupon MANN suggested contacting the following associates of his in Chicago: MATT KOEHL, MAX NELSON and WILLIAM WERNECKE.

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NELSON a real estate broker resided at 1914 West School Street and headed a fascist group in Chicago called "Real Political Institute". [redacted] was instructed by MANN to contact NELSON and through him meet WERNECKE and KOEHL. MANN told [redacted] that NELSON was heading a fascist group including WERNECKE and KOEHL which was planning some type of disturbance at the National Democratic Convention in order to gain publicity and generally harrass the Democratic gathering in July.

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This information was taken from Indianapolis memo to Director dated 7-5-56 regarding "F. ALLEN MANN, Information Concerning."

105-2857-25

PSI [redacted] Newport News, Va., advised SAs JOHN S. CASTLE and HARRY L. MC CARTHY on 9-19-56 that he had attended the convention of "We the People" at Chicago, Illinois on the week-end of 9-15-56 and had spoken on the subject "How to Organize for Political Action."

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He advised that WILLIAM WERNECKE, who was considered as a "radical" by members of We the People Convention, did not come back to the 1956 convention, after being present at the 1955 convention.

105-2790-52

The Chicago Daily Tribune, December 19, 1956, part 1, page 4 contained an article entitled "Special Police Authority To 3 Brings Inquiry" further "Women Are Holders of Commissions."

The article reflects that Lt. JOHN NELLIGAN, personnel director of the Chicago Police Department on December 18th had begun an investigation of special police commissions given to personnel of the American Humane Society, Inc., 6250 Wayne ave. This address was the home of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, former German American Bund leader and convicted draft dodger.

The special commissions allowed agents of the organization to carry guns and to make arrests pertaining to cruelty to animals, and were the only exceptions made by the city to the rule that only policemen had the right to carry concealed firearms.

WERNECKE had admitted that the organization had no official connection with the Animal Welfare League and the Anti-Cruelty Society, veteran service organizations whose agents also had police commissions and police powers.

WERNECKE said that he had helped organize animal welfare organizations in Chicago in 1932, and had been active in the work for years. He said his organization had little to spend, but did a lot of good.

105-2790-51

The Chicago Daily Sun Times issue of 12-20-56 contained an editorial on page 35 of the Editorial Page captioned "Arming The Native Fascists."

The editorial was in regard to the American Humane Society, Inc., and the fact that its members are allowed to carry arms. The Society's headquarters are in the home of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, convicted World War II draft dodger and former German-American Bund leader. WERNECKE's wife, RUTH was one of the agents who received special police commissions entitling them to pack guns.

One of the Society's directors was JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, founder of the White Circle League of America, who was convicted and fined for peddling anti-Negro literature. Another director was Mrs. LYRL CLARK VAN HYNING, onetime president of We, the Mothers, Inc., a crackpot isolationist group which advocated letting the Nazis conquer Europe by default in World War II.

The article suggests that the police department investigate the issuance of commissions and the American Humane Society, Inc., Chicago.

"We have no evidence that the American Humane Society, Inc., is plotting to overthrow of our government, or that it could succeed in the task in any event. But we do question the wisdom of letting associates of WERNECKE and BEAUHARNAIS-even women associates-carry concealed firearms under the auspices of the Police Department. Somebody goofed and it shouldn't be permitted to happen again."

105-2790-50

The Chicago Sun Times issue of 12-20-56, columns 5 and 6, page 3 contained an article entitled "Cite Bundist Ties Bar Gun Permits" reflecting that Police Commissioner TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR had revoked special police commissions to three agents of the American Humane Society, Inc., with headquarters in the home of a former German-American Bund leader.

The action was taken Wednesday when police learned the society's headquarters were at 6250 N. Wayne was also the home of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, convicted draft dodger.

O'CONNOR said the special police commissions were issued to the organization and its agents as a routine

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matter. Such commission under the law may be given to agents of animal welfare organizations to enable them to carry guns and make arrests in connection with acts of cruelty toward animals, he said.

O'CONNOR said under the law he can revoke the special commissions at will. He added he withdrew the permits when he learned of WERNECKE's conviction and former Bundist connections.

WERNECKE's organization had no connection with any of the recognized animal protective associations such as the Anti-Cruelty Society and the Animal Welfare League, OCONNOR said.

Police Lt, JOHN NELLIGAN, police personnel director who investigated the WERNECKE organization, said that he found no evidence of any animals at the Wayne ave. address.

105-3907-1

Security Unit of the Chicago Police Department on 12-28-56 furnished IC FRANCIS G. KAHL a typewritten report on the American Humane Society, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, Pres., 6250 N. Wayne Avenue.

The American Humane Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as an organization "Not-for-Profit" with charter Certificate No. 5721, dated March 7, 1956. It was originally known as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but was amended on April 11, 1956 to "The American Humane Society, Inc."

The National Association of the American Humane Society requested subject organization to cease use of the name, however to this date they had not responded to the request.

Under the caption "WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, president, alias WERNEKE, WERNYKE 6250 N. Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Ill." report reflects the following:

A neighborhood investigation revealed that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE has resided at his present address, 6250 N. Wayne Avenue (headquarters for his American Humane

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Society) for over 17 years. He is a modest living, although moderately wealthy man, who made most of his money as a real estate broker, specializing in fire and casualty insurance and operating from his home. For many years he was associated with his father, WILLIAM L. WERNECKE, in the real estate business, but branched out on his own in 1940.

WERNECKE owns a farm at Huntley, Illinois which has a value of approximately \$35,000 which is clear of all incumbrances. He also owns about \$175,000 in real estate which includes an apartment building and other commercial properties.

Mr. WERNECKE also is the possessor of 4 pets, 3 dogs, and 1 cat, which he keeps for his own pleasure. The dogs include a Black Labrador Retriever, a light brown Mexican Chihuahua, and a brown and black mongrel. These animals have been part of the WERNECKE household for at least 5 years.

WERNECKE was identified as a pro-Nazi in 1939. Renter of Post Office Box #3620, Chicago, Ill., in 1939, and indicated association with the Joint Committee of Patriotic Organizations, also the Irish American Patriots which issued a newspaper 'The Key.' These organizations were considered pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic.

Rented Aldine Hall, 911 Armitage Avenue for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Silver Shirts (pro-Nazi), August 23, 1939. This meeting was subsequently called off.

Addresses a meeting sponsored by the Silver Shirt Legion of America (pro-Nazi) at Mozart Hall, 1536 Clybourn Avenue, September 21, 1939.

In May, 1940, he used to the address of 600 S. Waukegan Road, 42-A Lake Forest, Illinois.

The following excerpts are taken from an article in the Chicago Tribune, September 6, 1942: 'WERNECKE was arrested by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. EDGAR HOOVER, for violation of the Selective Service Act and for investigation as a Bundist and possible spy. He claimed to be a registered minister and having attended the Moody Bible Institute; records proved his claims were false. It was charged he was in constant

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touch with HERBERT HAUPT, Nazi saboteur, recently executed and met him several times while in hiding. He was associated with Chicago Bund leader, OTTO WILLEMEIT, and corresponded with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, head of the Silver Shirts and seditionist publisher. At the time of WERNECKE's arrest, large quantities of firearms, explosives and dynamite were found on his farm in Wadsworth and in his home at 6250 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Subject was known as a skilled marksman and a gun expert. The article noted that subject was observed at Bund meetings wearing a Bund uniform with a revolver strapped to his side, and that he sold swastika pins and Nazi literature at these meetings.'

According to a Chicago Tribune article, June 5, 1943, subject was convicted of draft dodging by a jury in the Federal District Court of Judge JOHN P. BARNES.

According to the Chicago Tribune, February 8, 1944, the United States Supreme Court refused to review WERNECKE's appeal.

The Herald American Newspaper, January 12, 1950, carried an article in which Miss LAKUEHL WILSON, 26 year old nurse of 6034 S. Morgan Street, Chicago, Ill., charged that she had been kidnapped and beaten by WERNECKE who attempted to force her to sign an affidavit that his wife was going out with other men. WERNECKE's wife, VERONICA ELIZABETH, had a divorce pending at the time. The victim alleged that the subject phoned her and asked for a meeting in a restaurant at Granville Avenue near Broadway. When she refused to sign the affidavit, subject pulled her into his car and drove her to a country road near Elgin where he beat her and forced her to sign the affidavit. According to the Herald American, January 24, 1950, Miss WILSON sued WERNECKE for \$100,000 in the Superior Court.

Arrest records show that subject was fined \$80 and \$20 by Judge HARRINGTON for building violation on November 27, 1952. He was arrested on a warrant charging violation of the Wage Claim Act which was Nolle Prossed by Judge ZURIS, March 31, 1954. At that time he gave his occupation as a real estate operator.¹⁰

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100-19491-2462 p.2

The Worker, Illinois Edition, dated 12-30-56, page 16, column 1 contained an article by CARL HIRSCH entitled "How City Police OK'd Arming of Fascists."

The article is in regard to the American Humane Society whose directors were JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, Mrs. LYRL VAN HYNING and WILLIAM WARNECKE, the head of the pro-Nazi movement in Chicago and for some years the leader of the Pro-HITLER German-American Bund in Chicago. The organization had secured authorization from the Chicago Police Department to carry firearms.

As a result of protests, Police Commissioner TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR "last week" cancelled the special police commissions held by the group.

The organization was operating out of Bundist WILLIAM B. WERNECKE's home at 6250 Wayne ave.

An open advocate of Hitlerism prior to and during World War II, he was sent to prison for his refusal to fight against the Nazis. After World War II, he was active in efforts to revive the Bund in Chicago under the name of "American Relief for Germany."

100-19491-2469

The Worker, Illinois Edition, dated January 6, 1957, page 16, column 1 contained an article by EMANUEL GURTIS, date-lined Chicago entitled "How 'Humane Society' Masked Fascist Group."

The article is in regard to the American Humane Society of which WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was President. The article gives a resume of WERNECKE's background. His work with the German-American Bund etc.

105-3907-1A1 p.9

WILLIAM PINSEY 343 So. Dearborn on 1-14-57
furnished SA [redacted] "Report of ADL Midwest Fact-Finding Department Chicago, Illinois January 10, 1957 reflecting the following in part under the caption "Bigotry and Law":

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"In recent months it has been noteworthy that many individuals who have been engaged in a variety of hate activity have found themselves enmeshed in violations of the law, resulting in a number of interesting court proceedings and convictions. In Chicagoland, sundry elements who have joined in a loose amalgamation of efforts have been especially hit. One case which has received a helathy amount of public attention revolves around the misnamed 'American Humane Society' led by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. WERNECKE, a former German-American Bund leader and convicted World War II draft dodger, gained a charter for his group last spring, alledging that the group wanted to promote animal welfare work. WERNECKE's twenty-odd board members proved to be a cross section of some of the most notorious hatemongers from Chicago and scattered points throughout the country, plus a few individuals who appear to be confused animal lovers, opponents of vivisection and the like. Under the terms of a recent Chicago ordinance, humane society representatives were enabled to secure special police commissions to facilitate their work-such commissions authorized the carrying of guns and the power to make arrests in cases involving cruelty to animals. In an amazing development, three women representatives of WERNECKE's group, including WERNECKE's wife, gained such special permits for a short time, until the groups peculiar makeup was fully exposed in mid-December. The police commissions were quickly canceled. WERNECKE and his small entourage are reportedly outraged by this turn of events and are contending that a mysterious conspiracy is in operation to deny them their civil rights. A protest meeting of WERNECKE's group was held at a downtown hotel on January 3, attended by less than ten people, wherein plans were set in motion to recoup lost ground. This group intends to lean heavily on the theme of complaining that well-known animal welfare groups are raising large sums of money, taking advantage of the public, and are consequently 'jealous' of the threat of WERNECKE's 'American Humane Society.' In addition, this fantastic enterprise hopes to rebuild its reputation by denouncing the Chicago Stock Yards, medical Laboratories, the Dog Pound and the like, as engaging in illegally killing and tormenting animals in violation of Illinois law."

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WILLIAM B. WERNECKE Anti-Defamation League on 1-17-57
 furnished SA [redacted] photostat of an open letter to
 The Chicago Tribune from The Greater Chicago Humane League.

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The letter reads in part as follows:

"On December 20, 1956, the Chicago Tribune began a series of vicious and criminally libelous attacks upon the American Humane Society. Investigation regarding these attacks has yielded the following information:

That one GEORGE BLISS, a cheap, alcoholic, Police Court, hack reporter, employed by the Chicago Tribune, after visiting the Anti-Cruelty Society at 157 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, accepted a bribe of \$1,000.00 from two of it's corrupt officials in return for which he promised to betray the Chicago Tribune, his employer and all the Decent Ethics of the Journalistic profession and to sell his won respect, if indeed he had not lost this many years ago. And for this bribe he did not publish a scurrilous libelous and false and viscious article against the American Humane Society and it's President, WM. B. WERNECKE.

This cheap, perverted little Journalistic prostitute, GEORGE BLISS, did then run to the Commissioner of Police, TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR, and did attempt to threaten the Commissioner to make him revoke the legal and proper Special Police Commissions which had been given to the Humane Officers of the American Humane Society. In doing this, the cheap, 'Little JAKE LINGLE' commonly called GEORGE BLISS, did conspire to injure American Citizens in the Free Exercise of their Civil Rights and Privileges as secured them by the Constitution and Laws of the United States."

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WILLIAM PINSLEY on 1-17-57 furnished SA L. O. BOGSTAD a photostat of an article appearing in The Chicago American of January 10, 1957 entitled "Ex-Bundist's Aide Appeals Gun Verdict."

The article reflects that attorneys had appealed the gun carrying conviction of a man who said he was the game warden for WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, ex-German American Bund leader.

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CHARLES KELLY, 26, who listed his address as the WERNECKE home, 6250 Wayne av., was convicted before Judge WILLIAM DALY, Dec. 11. A motion was entered for probation.

WERNECKE had announced that he would have the conviction appealed before the probation officer could file his report.

According to police, KELLY and a companion were driving in the vicinity of 14th and Newberry on the evening of November 17. The police had noted this and stopped them. They had a .38 caliber pistol and a pair of handcuffs and a bayonet in the car.

The courts records showed that WERNECKE and his wife, RUTH, appeared before Judge DALY in behalf of KELLY. They said KELLY was the game warden on their farm at Huntley, Ga. WERNECKE said that the gun was his and KELLY did not know it was in the car.

The records showed that KELLY was represented by DAVID LANDAU, Chicago attorney and officer of WERNECKE's controversial American Humane Society.

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WILLIAM PINSLEY, ADL, on 1-17-57 furnished SA L. O. BOGSTAD, a photostat of a letter on the letterhead of the American Humane Society Incorporated, 6250 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Illinois dated January 5, 1957 to Mr. FRANK J. MCGARR, First Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Northern District of Illinois, 450 United States Court House, Chicago, Illinois, signed by WM. B. WERNECKE, President American Humane Society.

The letter was thanking Mr. MCGARR for his letter of January 2, 1957, regarding Criminal Prosecution of persons responsible for "Conspiracy to Injure Persons in the Exercise of Civil Rights," United States Criminal Code-Section 19.

WERNECKE states however, if any attempt was made by any newspaper persons or Commissioner O'CONNOR to injure any members of the American Humane Society or any of its officers or deprive any of them of the Free Exercise of their Civil Rights or Privileges as guaranteed and secured to them by the Constitution or Laws of the United States or because they had so exercised the same, they would insist and demand that his office commence Federal Criminal Prosecution against the guilty persons.

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100-19491-2476

The Daily Worker of January 25, 1957, page 5, column 3, contained an article by CARL HIRSCH entitled "How Chi. Police OK'd Arming of Fascists." Same article as 100-19491-2462 p.2.

100-19491-2509

The February 10, 1957 Illinois edition of The Worker, Page 16, column 1 contained an article "Hate-Mongers Say Their Aim Is Love" date-lined Chicago reflecting that Mr. WILLIAM B. WERNECKE paid "us" a call "last Week." WERNECKE had stated that they had the American Humane Society of which he was President, "all wrong". He stated that the organization just wanted to try and do something about the mistreatment of the animals at the stockyards.

He had in his possession a list of the directors of the American Humane Society and each were known for their anti-Semitic and anti-Negro work.

The article told of WERNECKE's imprisonment for refusing to fight in World War II and at the time the article was written was in trouble for health and safety violations in slum property on North Wells Street which he operated.

WERNECKE denied that there was a word of truth about the stories that the American Humane Society was non-political.

9-2533-4 p.3

Report of SA WILLIAM B. HUNTER at Chicago dated 6-21-57 reflects that on 6-7-57 Officer FRANCIS J. LAHEY Chicago Police Department produced a letter which had been received at the Maxwell Street Station which was postmarked 5-13-57, at Valdosta, Georgia. The letter was signed CHARLES KELLY and indicated that a pistol taken from him be returned in 15 days. LAHEY believed the letter was written by CHARLES KELLY who was arrested on 11-17-56. The envelope was addressed "Maxwell Street Police Station, JAKE the Jew, Chicago, Illinois." In the upper left hand corner was the return address of "CHARLES KELLY Route #2, Valdosta, Georgia."

LAHEY stated that he was sure that the expression "JAKE the Jew" referred to him.

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LAHEY related that he had arrested a CHARLES KELLY on 11-17-56, for driving without lights and later a search of KELLY's car revealed a .38 caliber pistol, a pair of handcuffs and a bayonette and a box of ammunition.

KELLY informed the police that he was a game warden for WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, an ex-German-American Bund leader.

100-11506-612 p.11

Headquarters Fifth Army Office of the AG of S, G-2, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois furnished the Chicago Office a Domestic Intelligence Summary dated 12-1-57.

Under the caption "Anti-Semitic Literature Distributed" appeared the following:

"The Christian Patriots Crusade-distributing its publication 'The Revere' sent an unsolicited copy to an officer at Fort Leavenworth. 'The Revere' is published at Hinsdale, Illinois, and edited by F. ALLEN MANN. It is devoted almost entirely to propaganda which is anti-Semitic and anti-Negro in character.

Source: Ft. Leavenworth
Report
(B-2)

COMMENT: (confidential)

The Christian Patriots Crusade is a one-man organization run by F. ALLEN MANN who copies items from other 'hate' publications for 'The Revere'. It is unlikely that MANN or his publication will have any influence on persons who are not radical or political bigots.

MANN is reported member of the Ku Klux Klan in Hinsdale. Among his Chicago associates are WILLIAM WERNECKE and MAYNARD, aka MAX, NELSEN, both alleged to have pro-Nazi sympathies. MANN is said to be only 19 or 20 years old."

105-3677-13 p.28

Washington Field memo to the Director dated February 21, 1958 regarding "White Citizens Councils of D.C., aka Seaboard White Citizens Council" reflects that on 12-11-57 WF 1026-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available the papers and records

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maintained in the headquarters of subject organization at Room 5, 1047 31st Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. These records were photographed and are being maintained in 100-33226-1B2-1.

Set forth were the results of the review of the material which consisted of approximately 1,800 photographs. These photographs were numbered. In the event any office desires to have a copy of the original photograph, it will be necessary to set forth the number or numbers of the photographs which appear opposite a name.

Included in the individuals mentioned was the following:

WERNECKE, BILL	813	SAFL
6250 N. Wayne Ave.		
Chicago 40, Ill.		

The "SAFL" means that a letter concerning the "JOHN KASPER Legal Attack Fund" and a copy of a flyer "Segregation or Death", was sent to this person.

100-11506-616 p.16

Headquarters Fifth United States Army Office of the AG of S, G-2, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois furnished the Chicago Office a Domestic Intelligence Summary dated April 1, 1958, date stamped Chicago Office April 5, 1958.

Under caption "Fascist or Fascist Type Activity" sub-caption "M & N. Associates Conducting Propaganda Activities" the summary reflects that the M. & N. Associates, Box 1785, Chicago 90, Illinois had been circulating a propaganda brochure entitled "The Mullins Report" in the Fifth U. S. Army area. As yet there had been no general circulating of Army personnel. One copy had been received recently by the Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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100-11506-616 p.16 cont.

"COMMENT: (CONFIDENTIAL)

M & N Associates represent EUSTACE MULLINS and MAYNARD O. NELSEN, both of Chicago, and both with records of association with neo-fascist type organizations.

MULLINS, born 1923, Roanoke, Virginia, and former resident of Staunton, Virginia, now resides in Chicago where he is said to be a protege of WILLIAM WERNECKE. He has been assisting WERNECKE who operates a printing press. WERNECKE now head of the Nationalist Conservative Party, has a record of pro-Nazi organization including the German-American Bund and the Knights of the White Camelia. MULLINS, also director of the Aryan League of America, has become editor and principal writer for the Women's Voice, Chicago, Official publication of the Mothers Mobilize for America which virulently anti-Semitic in character. MULLINS is reported to have been the instigator of anti-recruiting posters of a racial nature purporting to have been issued by the U. S. Army in 1956."

MAYNARD O. NELSEN, is also associated with MULLINS and WERNECKE in the Nationalist Conservative Party."

100-0-78185A p.1

Fifth Army, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois by letter dated June 19, 1958 furnished the Chicago Office a Themofax copy of "Integration News" and a summary of information on Integration News.

The summary reflects that the Integration News first came to the attention of this headquarters in April, 1958 when a copy was mailed to the Commandant, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It was enclosed in a plain envelope, postmarked Chicago and dated April 4.

The second copy of Integration News seen in this office was mailed to Major General JOSEPH H. HARPER, Headquarters Fifth U. S. Army, postmarked Chicago and dated June 17, 1958. Although mailed two and a half months later, the issue was the same as that previously sent out in April. This indicated that the Integration News was not an established publication issued at regular intervals, such as monthly or bi-monthly.

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The summary reads in part as follows:

Comment: The violent anti-Negro propaganda contained in Integration News indicates that the publication is the work of a few "crackpots" or fanatics. It is quite possible that the Southern States Press Association is not a bona fide organization but merely a name used for the purpose of issuing vulgar and defamatory propaganda. The address and the name of the editor may also be used to mislead possible investigators as to the true identities of those writing and disseminating the propaganda.

Although facts are lacking to identify those responsible for Integration News, certain circumstances point to M & N Associates of Chicago, an enterprise of two anti-Semites WILLIAM WERNECKE and MAYNARD A. NELSEN. Both of these persons have publicized their strong feelings. Their literature, expressing this point of view has been postmarked Chicago and mailed to Army installations with a return address. The handwriting on the envelopes containing Integration News and brochures of M & N Associates has appeared to be the same. However, this information or observation could be substantiated only by a handwriting expert. No other anti-Semites and Negrophobes in this area operate in this manner.

In all events, the chief importance of this literature lies only in its nuisance value, because it is known to represent no well established organization and does not represent the thinking of respected members of a community."

The Thermofax copy of the Integration News reflects that it is published by the Southern States Press Association, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., GEORGE THOMAS ADAMS, editor.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (65-582)

DATE: January 12, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (61-8118)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
RACIAL MATTERS

Reur memo 12-31-58. Future
communications should bear the sole character
"Racial Matters."

Authority granted to interview
Wernecke.

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SA JOHN W. TOEDT

**WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ET AL
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

In connection with investigation of captioned case, contact was had on December 10, 1958, with Mr. P. GRANSBORG, Reservations Manager, Delta C & S Airlines, 67 East Monroe Street, Chicago. Mr. GRANSBORG stated that no record of the individuals for whom copies of this memorandum have been designated is contained in any Delta records concerning Chicago to Atlanta and Chicago to Knoxville flights during the October 11-12, 1958, weekend.

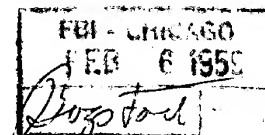
On December 4, 1958, contact was had with ALEX ZIMMERMAN, Office of Building Commission, City of Chicago, 320 North Clark Street, in regard to an arrest for a building violation on the part of WILLIAM WERNECKE. ZIMMERMAN furnished a transcript of a title search on property located at 6250 North Wayne Avenue. This transcript is retained as 65-582-1A.

ZIMMERMAN stated that one MELVIN KAHN had recently been named by Superior Court as receiver for buildings owned by WERNECKE.

Of possible interest to the Agent to whom the WERNECKE case is assigned, it was noted that ZIMMERMAN was in possession of a voluminous file concerning WERNECKE.

- 1 - 105-3527 (MATT KOEHL)
- 1 - 105-1152 (EUSTACE MULLINS)
- 1 - 105-3357 (FORREST MANN)
- 1 - 105-5887 (MAYNARD NELSEN)
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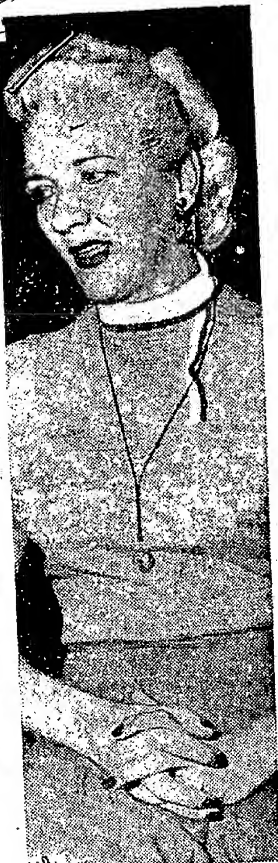
Ex-Bund Leader Held in Death Plot

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(Chicago American photos.)
MRS. WERNECKE.
She owned real estate.



DADISHOU NICHOLAS
He greeted a stranger.

William B. Wernecke, self-styled minister and convicted draft dodger, is in hot water again.

Summerdale police arrested the 52-year-old one-time German-American Bund leader today as he left his third floor apartment at 6250 Wayne.

WEAPONS SEIZED

Inside his apartment they seized a small arsenal of weapons, including six U. S. army rifles, three pistols and one automatic pistol capable of firing 21 rounds with one squeeze of the trigger.

Wernecke is charged with conspiracy to do bodily harm to a former business associate. He is to appear tomorrow in South State Street Court.

WARNS OF PLOT

Lt. Martin Joyce, who led the team of five arresting officers, gave the following account:

Last Sunday night a stranger appeared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dadishou Nicholas, 1446 Balmoral.

He told the pair he had come to warn them someone was planning to plant a bomb in their automobile.

While the stranger continued to talk with her husband, Mrs. Nicholas slipped into another room and telephoned her cousin, the fiancée of policeman John Cella of East Chicago avenue station. Cella rushed to the Nicholas



WM. B. WERNECKE
What, again?

home. He noticed a bulge under the stranger's coat, seized him, and found a loaded .38 caliber revolver.

Taken to Summerdale police station, the stranger identified himself as Elmer T. Stiegler, 34, of Wonder Lake. He said he is a lithographer, currently out of work.

Steiger said he met Wernecke several months ago.

PLOT UNFOLDED

In time, Stiegler continued, Wernecke told him he wanted to have Nicholas killed, and that Eteiger could find a

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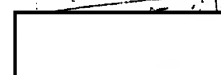
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pistol in the unlocked glove compartment of Wernecke's auto.

Stiegler said the pistol found on him was from Wernecke's car.

Stiegler was charged with conspiring with Wernecke to do bodily harm to Nicholas and with carrying a concealed weapon.

ROW OVER REALTY

Nicholas, the intended victim, told police Wernecke has hated him since they quarreled a year ago over some real estate owned by Wernecke's wife.

As a result of the quarrels, Nicholas said, Wernecke's wife left him. Wernecke vowed revenge.

Not long ago, Nicholas continued, Wernecke accused him of having burglarized a building he owns. Wernecke swore out a warrant. The case was dismissed in court, Nicholas said.

U. S. NOTIFIED

Although no charges were placed against Wernecke, police notified the Treasury Department of the arms cache, a possible federal offense. Wernecke told police he was a gun collector.

The former Bundist has been in and out of trouble for years.

In 1943 he was sentenced to prison for five years and fined \$10,000 for evading the

draft by posing as a minister.

In passing sentence, former Federal Judge Barnes noted:

"He (Wernecke) has a grossly exaggerated ego."

FRIEND OF SPY

During the trial it developed that Wernecke was a close friend of Herbert Hans Haupt, who was executed during World War II as a Nazi spy.

Although Judge Barnes said Wernecke was "the last person I want to see in the army," Wernecke was paroled from prison after seven months to enlist.

In 1950, Wernecke again was arrested when a 26-year-old nurse told police he had kidnaped and beaten her.

WIFE HIS TARGET

The nurse told police the kidnaping and beating followed Wernecke's unsuccessful attempt to get her to sign an affidavit that his wife had misbehaved. The nurse was a former roommate of his wife.

Wernecke was freed a month later when the nurse refused to prosecute.

In 1956, Police Commissioner O'Connor withdrew the pistol permits granted three agents of Wernecke's American Humane Society, an anti-vivisection group operated from Wernecke's apartment.

A month later the American Humane Society of Denver, a 53-year-old national organization, asked a federal

court injunction against Wernecke on grounds he was bringing their group into disrepute.

About eight years ago, newspaper clippings show, Wernecke was charged by an ex-wife with kidnaping her and forcing her into a D/s-Plaines sanitarium.

In recent years he has been charged with rent gouging and owning unsafe slum buildings.

EX-BUNDIST, 10 GUNS SEIZED IN BEATING 'PLOT'

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Realty Man Who Aided
Wife Called Target

William B. Wernecke, 49, former German-American bund leader and convicted draft dodger, was charged Wednesday with conspiring with a 34 year old laborer to "beat up" a north side real estate man who had aided Wernecke's estranged wife, Ruth, 43.

Charged with Wernecke was Elmer Stiegler, 3421 N. Marshfield av., who was arrested Sunday with a revolver in his possession in the apartment of Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral av., the realty man.

Once Had Pair Arrested
Wernecke, who resides at 6250 Wayne av., had his wife



Wernecke (left) and Nicholas and Nicholas arrested last year on burglary charges when Mrs. Wernecke removed some furniture from the Wernecke home after the couple separated. Wernecke charged that Nicholas had helped Mrs. Wernecke, but the charges were dismissed in Criminal court last month.

Acting Capt. Martin Joyce of Summerdale police quoted Stiegler as saying that Wernecke asked him to "beat up" Nicholas or "get someone else."

Takes Gun from Car
Stiegler also was quoted as saying that he stole a revolver from the glove compartment of Wernecke's auto and went to Nicholas' apartment to warn the real estate man of the plot.

Nicholas' wife, Katherine, 31, became alarmed and summoned a policeman.

Later, police arrested Wernecke in his home and seized six rifles, two Luger pistols, and a .45 caliber revolver.

Wernecke denied Stiegler's accusation. He said the guns police seized were to be used in "hunting practice."

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Ex-Bundist Accused of Conspiracy

Set Plot Hearing
For March 4

William B. Wernecke, 52, former German-American Bund leader and convicted draft dodger, appeared in S. State st. court Thursday on a charge of conspiring to beat up a business associate.

His case was continued until March 4.

The federal alcohol tax unit also was examining a cache of weapons found in Wernecke's home at 6250 Wayne to determine whether he had violated the federal firearms law.

Included in the weapons were six Army rifles, a .45 caliber pistol, a German Luger, and a semi-automatic pistol capable of firing 21 rounds at one squeeze of the trigger.

WERNECKE was accused of hiring Elmer T. Steigler, 34, of Wonder Lake, an unemployed lithographer, to beat up or maim Dadishou Nicholas, 1446 Balmoral.

Both Wernecke and Nicholas are real estate operators.

Steigler said they quarreled over some property owned by Wernecke's wife, who has since left her husband.

STEIGLER was arrested at the Nicholas home, where he said he had gone to warn Nicholas that Wernecke plotted to plant a bomb in his car.

Steigler was carrying a loaded .38 caliber pistol which he said belonged to Wernecke.

He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and conspiring to harm Nicholas. His hearing was continued until March 6.

WERNECKE was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$10,000 in 1943 for evading the draft by posing as a minister.

During his trial, FBI agents presented evidence linking Wernecke to a German undercover agent later executed as a spy.



William Wernecke (left) and Elmer T. Steigler in S. State st. court today.

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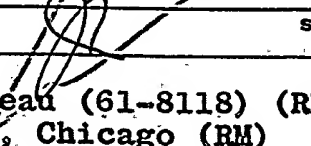
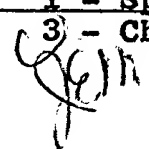
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ADMINISTRATIVE

WILLIAM WERNECKE was cooperative during the interview on February 10, 1959 to the extent that he would answer direct questions but hesitated to volunteer any more information than what was necessary. WERNECKE seemed rational during the interview until DADISHOU NICHOLAS' name was mentioned, when he became excited and threatened NICHOLAS with physical harm. This interview was conducted along the line set forth in referenced Chicago letter.

It is to be noted that WERNECKE's reliability is unknown. Numerous bombing cases were discussed with WERNECKE but he denied any participation in any acts of violence.

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WERNECKE blamed all of his troubles on the fact that his wife, RUTH WERNECKE, has left him and due to the fact that DADISHOU NICHOLAS swindled him out of some money during the sale of his real estate. Information has been previously furnished to the Bureau regarding NICHOLAS in the case entitled, "THREATENED BOMBING OF THE RESIDENCE OF DADISHOU NICHOLAS, Chicago, Illinois." Information concerning the other suspects residing in the Chicago area mentioned in this report has been previously furnished to the Bureau.

WERNECKE was not questioned regarding his background or his activities prior to and during World War II as this information is well known to the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

For information of interested offices, WERNECKE was formerly a member of the German American Bund and the Knights of the White Camellia. WERNECKE was also a friend and associate of HERBERT HANS HAUPT, a convicted and executed German saboteur. In 1943, WERNECKE was sentenced to five years imprisonment for violation of the Selective Service Act.

It is to be further noted that in October, 1958, WERNECKE called at the Chicago Office and complained about a WSTA violation concerning his wife RUTH WERNECKE and DADISHOU NICHOLAS who both allegedly traveled to Iowa in violation of this act; however, investigation failed to bear out any violation. On October 20, 1958, RUTH WERNECKE denied any participation and violation of this Act. Mr. and Mrs. DADISHOU NICHOLAS in October of 1958, also denied any possible WSTA violation on the part of DADISHOU NICHOLAS.

According to Lieutenant MARTIN JOYCE of the Chicago Police Department, WERNECKE has been recently writing letters and sending them through the United States mail to NICHOLAS using obscene language. The Postal Inspector's Office in Chicago is currently making inquiry into this matter. After WERNECKE's arrest on February 16, 1959, the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department, examined WERNECKE's guns to determine whether he had violated the Federal Firearms Law. The result of their inquiry is not known.

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It is to be further noted that a search of the description of WERNECKE's guns through the National Stolen Property File at the Bureau disclosed that a .270 rifle, Serial Number 142812 with a mounted telescopic sight number 2078858 was stolen on January 2, 1958. Further inquiry into this matter will be conducted under the classification of Theft of Government Property.

Since WERNECKE's arrest by the Chicago Police Department, he has received considerable publicity in Chicago newspapers.

One copy of this report is being furnished the Atlanta, Cincinnati, Louisville, Miami, and Springfield Offices for information purposes.

In view of the above, it is felt that no useful purpose could be served in continuing the investigation in this matter under this caption, therefore this case is being closed.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: February 27, 1959

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File Number: CG 65-582, Bufile 61-8118

Title: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: On 2/10/59, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was interviewed. WERNECKE had no specific knowledge of anyone involved in any acts of violence but furnished names of possible suspects. These suspects are JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, MATT KOEHL, FORREST ALLEN MANN, EUSTACE MULLINS, MAYNARD "MAX" NELSEN, EDWARD FIELDS, PARSON JACK, J. B. STONER and PETER XAVIER. WERNECKE admitted having three cans of gun powder used to make bullets and he has 100 sticks of dynamite on hand on his farm at Huntley, Illinois. WERNECKE claimed he has never engaged in any bombings or attempted bombings anywhere in the U.S. WERNECKE claimed to have never made any bombs for anyone else and has no knowledge of any bombings or attempted bombings of any place or individual. WERNECKE reported to be very unstable and in care of a psychiatrist. On 2/16/59, WERNECKE arrested by Chicago, Illinois Police Department and charged with Conspiracy to do bodily harm to DADISHOU NICHOLAS, Chicago, Illinois.

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DETAILS:

On February 10, 1959, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information to SAs CURTIS A. HESTER and [REDACTED]

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WERNECKE had no specific knowledge of anyone involved in any bombings or attempted bombings in the United States; however, WERNECKE furnished the following information regarding possible suspects and/or who are sympathetic regarding acts of violence:

JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS

JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, who is quite well known by WERNECKE, is about 60 years of age and resides in Evergreen Park, Illinois (exact address unknown) in the basement of the home of his son and daughter-in-law (name unknown). BEAUHARNAIS receives his mail at Post Office Box 531, Chicago, Illinois. BEAUHARNAIS is not employed but formerly was in business at 919 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. BEAUHARNAIS' wife is deceased. BEAUHARNAIS was formerly head of the now defunct White Circle League of America, Incorporated. This organization was basically for white supremacy and he solicited money for this organization and at one time about 50 to 60 people contributed to this organization.

BEAUHARNAIS who drinks to excess maintains a very unkempt appearance and has very little formal education. BEAUHARNAIS has a good vocabulary and is a typical "con-man". WERNECKE who dislikes BEAUHARNAIS, described him as a cheap racketeer and "sponges" meals and lodging off everyone he can. BEAUHARNAIS claims to be an underground hero when he talks to others regarding his crusade for the preservation of the white race.

BEAUHARNAIS is interested in keeping up his contacts with other individuals who are interested in white supremacy. On several occasions in the past, he has obtained a mailing list of others interested in white supremacy and sent them anti-Negro literature, soliciting funds from them for himself.

In addition to the above, BEAUHARNAIS was described as anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and pro-white race. BEAUHARNAIS was the type that would try to incite others to acts of violence but WERNECKE did not believe BEAUHARNAIS would perpetrate any act

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of violence by himself but would be a willing participant so long as someone else gave the orders.

MATT KOEHL

MATT KOEHL is about 24 years of age and has a home address on (exact number unknown) 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. KOEHL is currently living with EUSTACE MULLINS at 2239 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. KOEHL is a roofer by profession and is working on various roofing jobs in the Chicago area. KOEHL is believed to be a homo-sexual.

KOEHL is very anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. KOEHL eludes to knowledge of acts of violence but has not mentioned to WERNECKE anything specific regarding any bombings or attempted bombings. WERNECKE believed KOEHL to be a likely suspect in any acts of violence as KOEHL is inclined along this line. KOEHL is also a friend of Admiral CROMMELIN, Montgomery, Alabama, who was unsuccessful in his campaign for Governor of that State. WERNECKE described CROMMELIN as anti-Negro, anti-Semitic and pro-white race.

FORREST ALLEN MANN

FORREST ALLEN MANN, who is about 22 years of age, resides with his parents (who are quite wealthy) in Hinsdale, Illinois, and is not employed. WERNECKE has talked to MANN on several occasions on the telephone but he has met MANN in person only on one occasion and that was about three years ago. MANN was described as very anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, and is capable of performing acts of violence but had no specific information regarding any activities of MANN in this matter. About a year to two years ago, MANN asked WERNECKE if he could hold a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) meeting on WERNECKE's farm in Huntley, Illinois, which WERNECKE agreed to but no meeting was ever held.

MANN is quite close to Mrs. LYRL CLARK VAN HYNING, Head of We the Mothers Mobilize for America, Incorporated. MANN and Mrs. VAN HYNING exchange various types of articles that each uses in their own publication. WERNECKE described Mrs. VAN HYNING and her organization as being violently anti-Semitic.

Early in 1958, MANN had asked WERNECKE about showing him how to set off dynamite which WERNECKE agreed to do. MANN

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has never visited the WERNECKE farm to receive any instructions in the use of explosives.

The KKK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

EUSTACE MULLINS

EUSTACE MULLINS, single, is about 35 years of age, resides at 2239 NORTH LINCOLN, Chicago, Illinois with MATT KOEHL. MULLINS was formerly employed by the Chicago Motor Club in Chicago, but is currently unemployed. MULLINS is a very intelligent individual but is inclined to be a "sissy". MULLINS was described as a homo-sexual and as a quasi-blackmailer. As an example, WERNECKE cited that MULLINS several years ago learned that a married man (name unknown) was guilty of extra-marital relations. In order to obtain free board and room, MULLINS moved into this man's home and threatened to expose his extra-marital relations to his wife if he were not allowed to stay there. MULLINS has written numerous anti-Semitic and anti-Eisenhower Administration articles for various "hate publications" throughout the United States. MULLINS was described as too much of a coward to commit or to participate in any acts of violence.

MULLINS formerly assisted Admiral CROMMELIN in his unsuccessful campaign for Governor. CROMMELIN expelled MULLINS from his campaign force because of MULLINS' homo-sexual tendencies.

MULLINS was believed to have traveled in the State of Alabama in April and May of 1958.

MAYNARD "MAX" NELSEN

MAYNARD "MAX" NELSEN, age 35, who lives in Hoffman Estates, Roselle, Illinois, is employed as an Accountant by Miller and Carlson Services, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, and is a "worshiper" of MATT KOEHL and EUSTACE MULLINS. NELSEN was described as very anti-Semitic but is not inclined towards violence.

EDWARD FIELDS - Louisville, Kentucky

EDWARD FIELDS is about 27 years of age, formerly from Davenport, Iowa, who is a chiropractor and practices in Louisville, Kentucky. FIELDS is married and his family resides

there with him. FIELDS is very anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and is a good friend of JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS. FIELDS is the head of a Nationalist Group (name not recalled) that held a convention in Louisville, Kentucky in the summer of 1958. WERNECKE did not believe that FIELDS would become directly involved in any acts of violence.

PARSON JACK - Columbus, Georgia

PARSON JACK, who is about 55 years of age, resides in Columbus, Georgia, and is the editor of a small newspaper called "The Georgia Tribune". This is a bi-monthly newspaper. JACK is allegedly a friend of Senator HERMAN E. TALMADGE of the State of Georgia. JACK's newspaper contains articles that are anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, and pro-white supremacy. WERNECKE did not believe that JACK was directly involved in any acts of violence.

J. B. STONER - Atlanta, Georgia

J. B. STONER, age 33, resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and practices law there. STONER is lame but this does not hinder him in any of his activities. STONER was described as very anti-Semitic and anti-Negro and is not directly inclined toward violence.

PETER XAVIER - Cincinnati, Ohio

PETER XAVIER, formerly served in the United States Army and is currently employed as a baker. XAVIER rents a room from a woman in Cincinnati (exact address unknown) who has the same ideas as XAVIER.

PETER XAVIER, about a year ago had told WERNECKE that he had burned about ten crosses in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. According to WERNECKE, XAVIER would take two pieces of wood fastened in the shape of a cross and dip the wood in alcohol before igniting it. XAVIER then hires a cab to drive him to the location where he plans to burn a cross. The only place XAVIER mentioned having burned a cross was in front of a Jewish Synagogue in Cincinnati. WERNECKE described XAVIER as anti-Communist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic. XAVIER "eludes" to knowledge of acts of violence but he never talked in specifics. As an

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example, WERNECKE cited that in conversations XAVIER says "we did this to the Jews" or "we did this to the Niggers".

WERNECKE had no specific knowledge that XAVIER was involved in any acts of violence but felt that he would participate in any bombings or attempted bombings if he felt it would do some good.

Comments Regarding Bombings

WERNECKE claimed to be a gun fancier and collector. WERNECKE has about six revolver in his collection which consist of one S&W Centennial; one S&W Chief Special; two Combat Master Pieces; one K .38 with six inch barrel and one Colt Woodsman. All of these guns are .38 Caliber except the Colt Woodsman which is a .22 Caliber. Also, WERNECKE has numerous antique pistols and several rifles in his collection. WERNECKE enjoys target shooting on his farm in Huntley, Illinois and this is his hobby. WERNECKE has three cans of gun powder on his farm which he uses to make his own bullets.

WERNECKE also has 100 sticks of dynamite and numerous dynamite caps stored on his farm. WERNECKE has used dynamite for blasting stumps and for draining ponds on his farm. WERNECKE claimed that 100 sticks of dynamite is not an unusually large amount of dynamite to have on hand and that any farmer can buy dynamite and keep it stored on his farm.

The only place which WERNECKE has used dynamite is on his farm and WERNECKE has never engaged in any bombings or attempted bombings anywhere in the United States. WERNECKE claimed he has never made any bombs for anyone else and has no knowledge of any bombings or attempted bombings of any place or individual.

WERNECKE had no idea as to who committed the bombing of the Jewish synagogue in Peoria, Illinois, on October 14, 1958. To the best of WERNECKE's recollection he was in Chicago during the period of time of October 11-14, 1958.

WERNECKE believed that the bombings and attempted bombings that have occurred in the South were not caused by any one traveling interstate to do these acts of violence. Instead

each County in the South has its own "local hot heads" who he believed were responsible for these bombings. WERNECKE believed that the action taken by "local hot heads" against Jewish synagogues, people of the Jewish faith, and the Negroes is hatred that is a carryover from the days of the Civil War.

Early in February of 1958, WERNECKE drove to St. Petersburg, Florida to attend a humane convention which was held on February 11, 1958. WERNECKE claimed to be very much interested in the humane treatment of animals. While there he visited and stayed with P. C. CHAPMAN, located in the B. L. White Building, St. Petersburg, Florida, for about three days. WERNECKE was away from Chicago about eight to ten days on that visit.

Founding the Nationalist Conservative Party

WERNECKE advised that several years ago he started a political party called the Nationalist Conservative Party. The purpose of this party was to promote conservative government at all levels including local, state and federal government. No meetings were held of this organization and the only members were WERNECKE and his wife, RUTH. WERNECKE, when he first started his organization, sent out literature to about 300 individuals throughout the United States. WERNECKE advised that his organization is now defunct and he does not plan to reactivate the Nationalist Conservative Party.

KKK Activity

According to WERNECKE, there is no KKK activity in the Chicago area. MANN's interest in the KKK is set forth earlier in this report.

B'nai B'rith

According to WERNECKE the B'nai B'rith is an organization which does not represent people of the Jewish faith. WERNECKE described this organization as being clannish, whose purpose is to frighten other people to act the way the B'nai B'rith wants them to behave. WILLIAM E. CASPERSON, 3900 West Cornelia, Chicago, Illinois, is an investigator and a "Hatchetman" for B'nai B'rith and is also a very good friend of DADISHOU NICHOLAS.

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The files of the Chicago Office disclose no pertinent information identifiable concerning WILLIAM E. CASPERSON.

DADISHOU NICHOLAS

DADISHOU NICHOLAS, about 60 years of age, 1446 Balmoral Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a real estate operator in Chicago, was responsible for WERNECKE's wife RUTH, leaving him. NICHOLAS also represented WERNECKE in the sale of an apartment building located at 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. As a result of this transaction, NICHOLAS swindled WERNECKE out of some money from the sale of this building; therefore WERNECKE is very angry with NICHOLAS.

In Care of Psychiatrist

On October 20, 1958, RUTH WERNECKE, 5307 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, estranged wife of WERNECKE, advised SAs PAUL M. GRIBER and LLOYD O. BOGSTAD that WILLIAM WERNECKE is considered to be very unstable and has been under the care of a psychiatrist, Dr. HANS DEUTSCH, 334 West Barry Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Transfer of WERNECKE's Property

According to RUTH WERNECKE, WILLIAM WERNECKE established the American Humane Church and has transferred all of his property to this church in order to avoid payment of taxes.

According to RUTH WERNECKE this is actually no church at all but a church on paper only.

On December 8, 1958, C. A. HILL, Internal Revenue Office, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, was advised by SA GRIBER that the American Humane Church, Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, was reportedly formed by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE and recorded in Mc Henry County, Illinois. HILL advised that according to the tax laws of Illinois regarding corporations, the Illinois Code Chapter 32, Section 35, dealing with religious organizations would apply to the church formed by WILLIAM WERNECKE if he incorporates this church with one other individual.

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HILL had received no previous complaints on this church however he indicated he would make a record of this name and would be alert to detect any irregularities which might come to his attention regarding the American Humane Church.

Arrests of STIEGLER and WERNECKE

On February 16, 1959, Lieutenant MARTIN JOYCE, 40th District, Chicago, Illinois Police Department, advised SA HESTER that on February 15, 1959, ELMER THOMAS STIEGLER had been arrested in the home of DADISHOU NICHOLAS by the Chicago Police Department for carrying a concealed weapon. STIEGLER, who is 34 years of age, resides at 3421 North Marshfield Avenue with his parents and was employed by WERNECKE doing odd jobs. STIEGLER advised NICHOLAS that WERNECKE was out to do NICHOLAS bodily harm and WERNECKE had indicated that he wanted STIEGLER to do it.

On February 17, 1959, Lieutenant JOYCE advised that he has known of WILLIAM WERNECKE and his activities for many years and that WERNECKE had been arrested at his home, 6250 North Wayne on February 16, 1959 and at the time of his arrest, was found in the possession of several weapons. According to Lieutenant JOYCE, WERNECKE and STIEGLER were charged under Illinois laws with Conspiracy to do bodily harm to DADISHOU NICHOLAS.

On February 19, 1959, WERNECKE and STIEGLER were released on bond and their case continued to March 4, 1959.

The files of the Chicago Office contain no identifiable information concerning E. T. STIEGLER.

Ex-Leader Of Bund Held to Jury

Accused in Plot Against Associate

William B. Wernecke, 52, former German-American Bund leader, accused of plotting harm to a business associate, was ordered held to the grand jury Wednesday.

Judge Joseph J. Butler in South State st. court set Wernecke's bond at \$5,000 on a charge of conspiracy to do bodily harm.

JUDGE BUTLER also held Elmer Steigler, 34, a lithographer, to the grand jury on a similar charge, on \$200 bond.

The men were arrested on complaint of Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Bal-moral, a real estate dealer, that Wernecke hired Steigler to beat up or maim him.

Steigler, of 3421 N. Marsh-field, when seized Feb. 15 in Nicholas' home, said he had gone there to warn Nicholas of the plot.

Wernecke, also a real estate man, was arrested later in his home at 6250 Wayne.

A CHARGE of carrying a concealed weapon against Steigler, who was carrying a loaded .38 caliber pistol when seized, was continued Wednesday to April 30.

Wernecke was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$10,000 in 1943 for draft evasion.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 10/15/58

FROM : SA CURTIS A. HESTER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
BOMBING OF JEWISH SYNAGOGUES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Late in the evening of October 14, 1958, the writer received a telephone call at home from Mr. DADISHOU NICOLAS, owner of Diversey Realty Company, 5408 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. NICOLAS stated that earlier this date, in a conversation with Mrs. WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, he had learned that she strongly suspects her husband in the bombing of, or at least participation in the planning of the bombings recently noted in newspapers of Jewish synagogues in Atlanta, Georgia and Peoria, Illinois. Mr. NICOLAS stated that Mrs. WERNECKE had related to him that her husband knows how to put together homemade bombs and that she pointed out that in the past he had used homemade bombs to destroy gravestones in Jewish cemeteries. Mr. NICOLAS also stated that Mrs. WERNECKE pointed out that her husband has been out of the City for the last several days, but that she did not know the destination of this trip.

Mr. NICOLAS stated that he would attempt to have Mrs. WERNECKE appear at this office on October 15, 1958, and furnish any information she feels is pertinent.

It is to be noted that Chicago files indicate that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE is a subject of Chicago file 25-5976, captioned "WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, SABOTAGE; ESPIONAGE; SELECTIVE SERVICE". In this case WILLIAM WERNECKE was convicted and sentenced to a five year prison term and fined \$10,000.00 for violation of the Selective Service Act and commenced service of his prison term January 11, 1944. For information.

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SA PAUL M. GRIBER

AMERICAN HUMANE CHURCH,
ROUTE 1, HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 8, 1958, C. A. HILL, Internal Revenue Service, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted by SA PAUL M. GRIBER concerning the American Humane Church, which was reportedly formed by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE and recorded in Mc Henry County, Illinois.

On October 20, 1958, RUTH WERNECKE, estranged wife of WILLIAM WERNECKE, advised SAs LLOYD O. BOGSTAD and GRIBER that WILLIAM WERNECKE had formed the American Humane Church and had transferred all his property to this church in order to avoid payment of taxes.

C. A. HILL advised that according to the tax laws of the state of Illinois regarding corporations, the Illinois Code, Chapter 32, Section 35, dealing with religious organizations, would apply to the church formed by WILLIAM WERNECKE if he incorporated this church with one other individual.

HILL had received no previous complaints on the above church; however, he would make a record of the name and would be alert to detect any irregularities which might come to his attention regarding the American Humane Church.


An inquiry to verify the fact that this church is recorded in Mc Henry County has been instituted.

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Ex-Bund Leader Held to Jury in Beat Plot Case

William B. Wernecke, former German-American Bund leader and convicted draft dodger, was held to the grand jury today on charges of conspiracy to have a north-side real estate dealer "beaten up."

Wernecke was bound over by Judge Joseph J. Butler in South State street court. His original bond of \$200 was raised to \$5,000. Also held was Elmer Spiegler, of 3421 N. Marshfield, with whom Wernecke allegedly conspired. The intended victim of the assault was Dandishou Nicholas, of 1446 Balmoral. Nicholas, the real estate man, told police Wernecke has hated him since they quarreled a year ago over some real estate owned by Wernecke's wife.

As a result of the quarrels, Nicholas said, Wernecke's wife left him and Wernecke vowed revenge.

Spiegler later told police Wernecke had tried to hire him to "beat up" Nicholas or get someone else to do it.

Last Feb. 15, Spiegler went to the Nicholas home to warn the family of the plot. As Nicholas talked to Spiegler, his wife called police. After hearing Nicholas' story, police found Wernecke in his home. They seized six rifles, two Luger pistols and a .45 caliber revolver there.

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Ex-Bundist Held On Plot Charge

William B. Wernecke, 32, Wednesday was ordered held to the Cook County grand jury on a charge of conspiring to beat a former business associate.

Municipal Court Judge Joseph J. Butler also ordered Wernecke's bond raised from \$200 to \$5,000 when the onetime German-American Bund leader and convicted draft dodger appeared in South State Street Court.

Elmer T. Stiegler, 34, of 3421 N. Marshfield, also was ordered held to the grand jury on the conspiracy charge, and on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. 9-1

Stiegler told police that Wernecke, who lives at 6250 N. Wayne, tried to hire him to beat up or maim Dadishou Nicholas, 35, of 1456 W. Balmoral.

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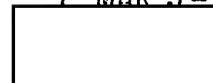
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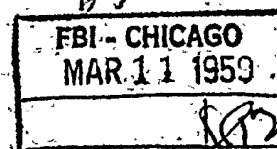
FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 18, 1959, ANDREW KASHA, who is employed by the Mascarella Realty Company, 7041 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, made available to the writer a "warning" flyer regarding DADISHOU NICHOLAS, which according to KASHA he believed to have been originated by WERNECKE. This flyer is retained in 65-582.

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SA JOHN W. TOEDT

**BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS
RACIAL MATTERS**

Re form FD 302 which is filed in captioned case reflecting interview on February 26, 1959 with FRANK KOSTKA, Realtor, 3859 West 26th Street.

While KOSTKA denied any knowledge of any bombings in Chicago and insisted he was eased out of the South-Lawndale-Crawford Real Estate Board for refusing to stop selling property to Negroes and Puerto Ricans, it appeared that he was in possession of additional information in that regard. He did take a note of the agents' identities and stated he would attempt to obtain further information. It was noted that KOSTKA had on his person a pen bearing the name "Mc Coy Electrical Company". He has been connected, by other sources, with ~~Dr.~~ R. Mc Coy, Electrical Contractor located in the vicinity of 68th and Sangamon Streets.

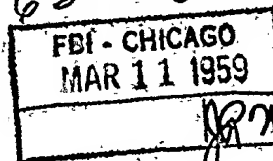
KOSTKA also indicated a knowledge of one JOE TENUTO, though he disclaimed any further knowledge of him other than that he might be located at a tavern at the intersection of 26th and California Streets. He denied knowledge of FRANK PETRONZIO.

It is believed that additional information may be obtained from KOSTKA and recontact with him is planned.

Reference is also made to form 302 reflecting interview with ANDREW KASHA, Mascarello Realty Company, 7041 West Grand Avenue concerning WILLIAM B. WERNECKE which is filed in 98-1891. KASHA stated that Mrs. HELEN BABIAN, 1257 Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago, who is self-employed as a real estate salesman has been very closely associated with WERNECKE and would be the individual most likely to know of WERNECKE's whereabouts at a given time.

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SHA stated he is presently unaware of the present address or employment of ROBERT O'BRIEN but that his mother Mrs. O'BRIEN resides on the Southwest corners of Cottage and Orchard Streets and that ROBERT O'BRIEN probably could be located through her.

Reference is further made to FD 302 regarding interview with Mrs. HELEN BABIAN which is filed in 93-1891. Mrs. BABIAN stated that one WILLIAM CASPERSON, a private detective who formerly was associated with WERNECKE is presently at odds with him and would be able to furnish additional information and possibly account for WERNECKE's whereabouts during October, 1958.

BABIAN related that one ROSE CARLSON, who resides in either Woodstock or Huntley, Illinois also holds a license as a real estate salesman through WERNECKE as a broker and would be able to furnish information concerning him.

According to BABIAN, WERNECKE is presently keeping company with JEAN ELMERICK, who resides at 4539 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago and who is employed as a waitress. BABIAN was of the opinion that ELMERICK might also know of WERNECKE's whereabouts during October, 1958. Other close friends of WERNECKE, according to Mrs. BABIAN are AL STANLEY, 4350 North Cicero Avenue (on Southwest side of the Montrose-Cicero intersection) and a Mrs. PERRONE, an antique dealer in Huntley, Illinois. Mrs. BABIAN stated that she also had met JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS and EUSTACE MULLINS through WERNECKE. She stated she knew nothing concerning these individuals but did know they both had stayed with Mrs. PERRONE in Huntley during the past summer of 1958.

Relative to WERNECKE's recent arrest, along with ELMER STIEGLER by the Chicago Police Department in connection with a conspiracy against DADISHOU NICHOLAS, Mrs. BABIAN stated she is of the opinion that WERNECKE has been "framed" by STIEGLER and NICHOLAS. She related that WERNECKE and NICHOLAS were at one time associated in the real estate business but that they came into serious disagreement because of alleged dishonesty practiced on the part of NICHOLAS against WERNECKE. One example she stated was the fact that WERNECKE had expressed a desire to sell his residence at 6250 North Wayne Avenue and he and NICHOLAS had decided on the price he would be able to get for it and that NICHOLAS would handle this sale. NICHOLAS subsequently bought the residence from WERNECKE at that price,

after having already located a party who was willing to buy it at a higher price. NICHOLAS then resold it at the higher price and pocketed the extra profit as well as declining to pay WERNECKE a commission, which he was entitled to as the broker. WERNECKE subsequently has had ill feelings toward NICHOLAS and has expressed it frequently. ELMER STIEGLER became acquainted with WERNECKE at Mrs. BABIAN's residence on December 25, 1958. He was a friend of WILLIAM THOME, who is in the printing business with one GEORGE SCHENK at 1024 Wilson Avenue. THOME and SCHENK employ Mrs. NANCY LUTZ, a cousin of Mrs. BABIAN as a saleswoman and both SCHENK and Mrs. LUTZ reside at 4610 North Broadway. Mrs. LUTZ was to attend dinner at the BABIAN residence on December 25, 1958 and when seeing STIEGLER in the vicinity of her residence asked him to drive her to the BABIAN address. Upon arrival there, STIEGLER stayed for dinner where he met WERNECKE who was also a guest. On that occasion STIEGLER who was unemployed agreed to assist WERNECKE for a few days in packing his belongings at 6250 North Wayne. According to BABIAN, STIEGLER stayed with WERNECKE until recently. WERNECKE supported him. It was her opinion that STIEGLER and NICHOLAS conspired against WERNECKE in this instance, NICHOLAS in order to get WERNECKE out of the way and STIEGLER because he had been unable to "extort" additional money from WERNECKE.

She stated that on the night previous to being arrested at the NICHOLAS residence, STIEGLER was at her home in a drunken condition and also threatened to "get" WERNECKE. It was her further understanding that NICHOLAS provided bail for STIEGLER following his arrest.

BABIAN related that WERNECKE owns property located at 1767 Armitage, 876 North Wells, 930 North Wells, 210 Walton, 209 Locust and 3927 Francisco Avenue. She stated that all of the buildings presently are vacant except the building located at 1767 Armitage and that ownership of these properties as well as a record of the sale of his property at 6250 North Wayne would be recorded at the Chicago Title and Trust Company.

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SA PAUL M. GRIBER

AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY
RACIAL MATTERS

On 2/20/59, SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN advised SA GRIBER that on this date he determined from VERNON KAYES, Clerk, McHenry County, Woodstock, Illinois, that no record could be located for an organization known as the American Humane Church (AHC).

It had been previously reported that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE had formed an organization known as the AHC and had transferred all his property to this church in order to avoid payment of taxes.

Clerk VERNON KAYES advised SA MC QUEEN that a search of the records disclosed Docket #306467, Book 502, Page 376, reflected that a charter for the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was filed on 4/11/56 and recorded on 4/18/56 at Woodstock, MC Henry County, and signed WILLIAM B. WERNECKE and RUTH WERNECKE.

On 11/4/57, Docket #330816, Book 551, Page 293, reflected that the name of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was changed to the American Humane Society (AHS). According to this statement, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was listed as Chairman and EVA JOHNSON was listed as Director.

The charter for the first organization formed in 4/56 described the purpose of the organization as providing care for animals. The second organization (AHS) was organized or formed for the "benefit and care of man and to stop experimentation on animals". This last charter concluded with the following statement as part of the purpose for which the organization was formed:

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"A plea go God and church to assist in their endeavor".

On 2/25/59, SA GRIBER advised C. A. HILL of the Internal Revenue Service, 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, of the existence of the charter filed in McHenry County concerning the AHS.

HILL advised that he would look into this matter and determine if the organization has a legitimate basis to claim any tax exemption and would keep this office advised of any developments. By way of additional information it was noted that the vehicle owned by WILLIAM B. WERNECKE bearing 1958 Illinois License #2901056 was registered to the AHC, RFD 1, Huntley, Illinois, on a Cadillac (1949), Motor #496257662.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: March 9, 1959

FROM : SA CARYL E. SHUPE

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 28, 1959, an individual who identified himself as WILLIAM B. WERNECKE telephonically advised the writer at the Chicago Office that he had just been told by Chief of Police DORF of the Summerdale Police Department that the FBI was holding his (WERNECKE's) gun collection. WERNECKE asked to speak to SA [redacted] who had previously interviewed WERNECKE. WERNECKE was advised that SA BOGSTAD was not available and thereupon WERNECKE stated he would contact SA BOGSTAD on Monday, March 2, 1959, concerning the above.

SA [redacted] was telephonically advised of the above on February 28, 1959.

This is being made a matter of record inasmuch as WERNECKE is one of the "hate" subjects of the Chicago Office and was recently arrested by local officials on a local matter, at which time his gun collection was taken for examination.

One copy of this memorandum is being placed in 52-new on WERNECKE inasmuch as one of the guns he had in his collection reportedly is a stolen government gun.

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SA JOHN W. TOEDT

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Bombing
of Temple, Atlanta, Georgia,
October 12, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On March 16, 1959 Mrs. RUTH WERNECKE, wife of WILLIAM WERNECKE, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and the writer, and furnished information as contained in the attached FD 302.

WERNECKE also advised that EUSTACE MULLENS and JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS stayed during the Summer of 1958 at Huntley, Illinois with Mrs. DORE PERRENOT, who resides at 45 Main Street.

She stated that WILLIAM WERNECKE, for the past several years, has regularly been treated by one Dr. DEUTSCH, a psychiatrist located at 334 West Barry Street, Chicago.

WERNECKE's only living relative in the Chicago area to the knowledge of Mrs. WERNECKE is an aunt, BERTHA WERNECKE, who resides at 1347 Eddy Street, Chicago, who presently despises WERNECKE intensely.

She continued that WERNECKE was formerly married to one VERONICA PECOCIAS, also known as BETTY PARKER, who with a sister ANNA PECOCIAS and a brother PETER PARKER, presently resides in Springfield, Illinois, possibly on 8th Avenue.

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1-65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)

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She also stated that WERNECKE has his auto serviced at the Roscoe-Ashland Service Station located on the northeast corner of Roscoe and Ashland Avenue, Chicago, and at the B&B Service Station, Huntley, Illinois. The Avondale Savings and Loan Company located on Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago held a mortgage on the WERNECKE residence at 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 4/13/59

FROM : SA RUDOLPH H. MANCINI

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNER, *None*
IRMA TERENE RICHMOND - VICTIM
Possible Extortion

Chief DEPUTY HERB MERTES, Du Page County Sheriff's Office Wheaton, Illinois, advised on 4/10/59 that on 4/9/59 a Mrs. IRENE RICHMOND, of 2N 435 Indiana Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, called his office and reported that she believed one WILLIAM WERNEKE was intending to do her bodily harm. MERTES said that Mrs. RICHMOND reported that in 1943 or 1944 she testified against WERNEKE in a Government case in which 6 nazi spies were subsequently executed. She said WERNEKE was the only American citizen in the group and hereceived a prison sentence but is out now.

MERTES said that Mrs. RICHMOND reported that she has received numerous phone calls and when she picks up the phone, the party hangs up. She said she believes that the calls are made by WERNEKE since he has been making inquiries about her whereabouts lately to a mutual friend. MERTES said his office has not provided any type of protection for Mrs. RICHMOND since the information is so vague.

Mrs. IRMA TERENE RICHMOND, 2N. 435 Indiana Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois, advised on 4/10/59 that in 1939 she and her husband, EDWART STROPE, now deceased, lived on a farm near Wadsworth, Illinois, while taking care of the above farm for one WILLIAM WERNEKE. He said WERNEKE had a lot of cattle, horses, dogs and other animals on the farm and they were hired primarily to look after the stock. She said when they were hired by WERNEKE, he informed them very strongly that they were not to discuss anything they see or overhear on the farm. She said that she observed that many people seem to come and go at the farm and WERNEKE would often meet with them in the barn where they had long conversations.

She said that WERNEKE was very outspoken about his love for Germany and the Nazi party and told her that "Hitler would rule the world some day". She said he also said he was a member of the German Bund. She said she also observed the men on the farm who were identified as the 6 Nazi saboteurs who were subsequently electrocuted.

Mrs. RICHMOND said she testified against WERNEKE in a Government trial but she could not recall if it were concerning his relationship with the Nazi or some other matter. She said she recalled, however, that she testified that he did tell her that he was a "member of the German bund".

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Mrs. RICHMOND said that after she testified against WERNEKE, he said (as he walked) by her in the court room, "I'll get you for this. She said she has had no personal contact with him since this time.

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Mrs. RICHMOND said that a few years ago, she began receiving calls and when she would pick up the receiver, the party would hang up without saying anything. She said as of 4/9/59, the same type of telephone calls have been coming in to her residence. She said she received about 4 calls within one hour. Each time she picks up the phone, the party hangs up without saying anything.

Mrs. RICHMOND said that she recently learned from one VIOKA LARSON, 513 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who operates an animal shelter there, that WERNEKE has been in contact with her and has requested to know where she lives and wanted to know "how she was getting along". She said that Mrs. LARSON denied that she told WERNEKE of her present address but she believes she has obtained it from her. She said she has a private listing on her phone which she has changed twice over the past two years.

Mrs. RICHMOND said that she believed that WERNEKE will attempt to do her some harm "one of these days"; therefore, she notified the Sheriff's office of the information.

Mrs. RICHMOND was informed that her problem was one for local authorities to handle and that the FBI would conduct no investigation until some Federal violation within our jurisdiction exist. The elements of the Federal extortion statute were explained to Mrs. RICHMOND.

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June 9, 1959

SA JOHN W. TOEDT

WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ET AL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

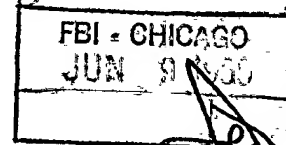
On May 25, 1959, MICHAEL BRANDT, 1257 Sunnyside, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SA ROBERT J. DOLAN and the writer concerning WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. BRANDT stated that he has been acquainted with WERNECKE since approximately September, 1955 and in February, 1959, WERNECKE made remarks indicating that he was in the State of Georgia at the time when the Jewish temple in Atlanta was bombed. Pertinent information in this regard has been incorporated into an FD 302.

BRANDT stated he had no information concerning WERNECKE's whereabouts at the time that the temple was bombed other than the above information which originated with WERNECKE.

BRANDT stated that in the past, WERNECKE has had some printing done by the Pioneer Printing Company, which is located on the West Side of Cicero Avenue, just South of Montrose. BRANDT stated that this business is operated by one STANLEY (LNU), whose wife is employed at the G&L Grill, Lawrence and Kimball Streets. He had no further information.

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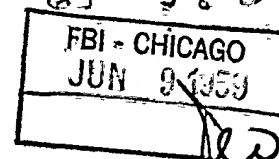
FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
RACIAL MATTERS

On May 25, 1959, [redacted] PCI, (RAC), [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT J. DOLAN and the writer that WILLIAM WERNECKE presently drives a 1953 two-door Chevrolet, with a light green body and a dark green top. She stated that WERNECKE still resides at 6250 North Wayne Avenue and has his assets stored in ~~his~~ flat in the garage at that address. She stated that she understands, however, that the present owners, YADGIRS, are selling that ~~business~~ ^{RESIDENCE} and that WERNECKE will probably have to vacate. She stated that YADGIR resides at 2053 North Wilton, phone EA 7-7694. She further related that WERNECKE has in the past had some printing done by the Pioneer Printing Company, which is located on the west side of Cicero Avenue, just south of Montrose. She stated that this concern is operated by one STANLEY (LNU), whose wife is employed at the G&L Grill, Lawrence and Kimball Streets. She stated that STANLEY (LNU) previously was employed by GEORGE SCHENK, at the Broadway Equipment Company. [redacted] stated that WERNECKE's current girl friend is one JEAN EMMERICK, who resides at 4539 North Lincoln Avenue, phone RA 8-0050.

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It was further reported by [redacted] that she had learned from WERNECKE that TONY MARINO was arrested in connection with the breaking of windows at the Goldblatt downtown store some time prior to World War II, in which incident WERNECKE was involved. She stated that she did not know the present whereabouts of MARINO, but that he formerly was employed as a chef at the Charmet Restaurant, on North Michigan Avenue, which is operated by her brother-in-law, SAM JACOBS. She stated that it is her understanding that MARINO resides somewhere on North Dearborn Street, and that his whereabouts could be determined through JOHN (LNU), who is presently employed as a cook at the Charmet Restaurant.

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It was also reported by [] that MIKE BRANDT, an acquaintance of WERNECKE, presently resides with her at 1257 Sunnyside, Chicago. BRANDT is presently employed by the Lyons Engineering Company, on a Commonwealth Edison project at 26th and Racine Avenue. On this occasion, [] furnished a letter she had obtained from WERNECKE's ~~Aspects~~ which he had received from CHARLES KELLY, Valdosta, Georgia, in February, 1959, in which KELLY advised of the formation of a new group. Pertinent information from that letter will be incorporated in a channelizing memorandum.

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[] further stated that approximately ten months ago, she was in the company of WERNECKE, when he was opening some mail he had received. She stated that upon opening one letter he laughed, commenting that one of his friends wanted him to send him some dynamite. She stated she had no further information as to the identity of that individual.

No further information of pertinence was available to [] at this time.

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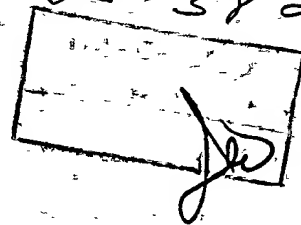
DATE: June 24, 1959

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
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On May 25, 1959, PCI (RAC) [redacted] furnished to SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and JOHN W. TOEDT a typewritten letter attributed to HELENA YEDGIR, 4619 North Broadway, Chicago, which was addressed to Mrs. BETTY METZNER, 1448 West Balmoral Avenue, Chicago. [redacted] stated that HELENA YEDGIR was her maiden name and that this letter was obtained by her from the effects of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. She also furnished a Photostat of a letter and envelope dated November 1, 1958, and addressed to Mrs. RUTH WERNECKE. The envelope bears the return address of [redacted] American Humane Church, Route 1, Huntley, Illinois and the letter is signed in the name of [redacted]. This letter was also obtained by [redacted] from the effects of WERNECKE. She stated that she did not originate either item attributed to her and assumed that they were written by WERNECKE. She stated she had no knowledge of WERNECKE's purpose in writing these letters except that it was possibly for the purpose of discrediting her for some reason unknown to her. These items are retained as 65-582-1A23.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2)

DATE: 7-6-59

FROM: SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS
RACIAL MATTERS

On May 25, 1959, PCI (RAC) [REDACTED]
who has furnished reliable information in the past,
and whose identity is to be protected, furnished to

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 - 1 - Ku Klux Klan
 - 1 - C. H. KLEIN
 - 1 - E. L. EDWARDS
 - 1 - CHARLES KELLY
 - 1 - E. L. ROGERS
 - 1 - BILL HENDRIX
 - 1 - PARSON JACK JOHNSON
 - 1 - National Anti-Communist Legioners
 - 1 - EDWARD G. BALL
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 - 1 - Ku Klux Klan
- 2 - Cincinnati (RM)
 - 1 - PETER L. XAVIER
 - 1 - Ku Klux Klan
- 7 - Chicago
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 65-582 (WILLIAM B. WERNECKE)
 - 1 - 105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS)
 - 1 - 105-3802 (F. ALLEN MANN)
 - 1 - 105-5587 (MAX NELSEN)
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SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and JOHN W. TOEDT from the effects of "Hate" subject WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, an original typewritten letter which was addressed to WERNECKE at Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, under postmark of Valdosta, Georgia, February 13, 1959. This letter, which bore a return address of CHARLES KELLY, Route 3, Valdosta, Georgia, and which was signed in pencil by CHARLES KELLY, is quoted as follows:

"Dear Bill,

"Feb. 12, 1959

"I am engaged in one of, the toughest fights ive ever been in.

"I have been exposing the Jewish dominated U. S. Klans with headquarters in Atlanta Ga.

"This fight has been going on ever since the early part of October of last year.

"I visited Peter L. Xavier in Dayton Ohio the last week of September for a weeks vacation. Pete is my able assistant in the battle.

"The real head of this Klan is C. H. Klein a jew living in Atlanta Ga. The acting head is E. L. Edwards a spray painter at one of the Automobile Plants in Atlanta.

"Did you ever have the priveledge of meeting Bill Hendrix?

"Bill has sent me much valuable information proving that Klein is head of organization.

"Information is pouring daily from all parts of the South, all in our favour.

"Alert all Patriots in Chicago area of this sinister jew plot. I cannot begin to tell you here of devilish tricks they have pulled in the past. Within six months time two F. B. I. spies were in the outfit. One was in a Klavern in Lakeland Fla, the other in Atlanta.

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"E. L. Rogers the one who testified against those boys in Atlanta was the other.

"They tried their damnest to get those Boys sent up the River.

"Show Beauharnais this letter next time you see him.

"Tell Allen Mann out at Hinsdale all about this, Max Nelsen and all others.

"As this case progresses i will mail you further information.

"I can't tell at present which side Parson Jack Johnson is on.

"All other patriots in Southh have alined with us.

"I am mailing to you some applications to the new organization that i am organizing for. Show them to your friends.

"I have already established the hard core here. We are organizing all over the south now.

"In the last battle for the White Race.

/s/ Charles Kelly"

Enclosed with above letter were several blank membership application cards for the "National Anti-Communist Legionnaires," which call for the applicant to pledge his life and property against "all forms of socialism and Communism," and to "promise to uphold the traditions of States Rights, National traditions, especially SEGREGATION OF THE RACES, the RIGHT TO WORK LAWS." These cards reflect EDWARD G. BALL to be "Commanding General," and CHARLES KELLY to be "General Agent," Valdosta, Georgia, and call for a donation of \$5 per year.

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One copy each of the above cards is submitted herewith for information to the Bureau and Atlanta.

WERNECKE, as well as JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS, F. ALLEN MANN, and MAX MAYNARD NELSEN, referred to in above letter, are "Hate" subjects of the Chicago Division.

The above material is retained in Chicago file 65-582-1A22.

BUND LEADER WINS DELAY IN COURT HEARING

The case of William B. Wernecke, 49, former German-American Bund leader charged with conspiracy to kill, was continued Monday in Criminal court to Sept. 10 because Wernecke is under psychiatric treatment.

Also continued was the case of Elmer Stiegler, 34, of 3421 N. Marshfield av., who was indicted on the same charge. The two were arrested last Feb. 18 and accused of conspiring to beat up a north side real estate man who had aided Wernecke's estranged wife, Ruth, 43.

The real estate man is Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral av. He helped Mrs. Wernecke remove some furniture from the Wernecke home at 6250 Wayne av. after the couple separated.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

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JW SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

Attention: Identification Division

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
BOMBING MATTERS
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Director, dated 8/5/59, captioned
"KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE ORGANIZATIONS AND RACIAL INFORMANTS,
RACIAL MATTERS, BOMBING MATTERS".

By referenced letter, this Division changed the designation
of captioned individual from that of racial extremist to potential
bombing suspect.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, Manual of Instructions,
Section 23 (D) investigation has been conducted concerning subject
as a potential suspect in bombing matters in this Division.

WERNECKE has reportedly bragged that he has in the past
taken part in the bombing of a Chicago, Illinois Department store,
and has also been concerned in the bombing of tombstones in Jewish
cemeteries. He reportedly has instructed others in the use of
explosives, and has been described as being capable of inciting
others to acts of violence. Investigation has disclosed that he
has done a considerable amount of dynamiting of tree stumps and
water ponds on his farm, and therefore would have the necessary
knowledge in the use of that type of explosive.

In view of above, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested
to include WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, FBI Number 2970391 in the Single
Fingerprint explosives File.

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KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE
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Rebulet to Chicago, dated 7/22/59.

Referenced communication reflects that this division did not list the following as potential bombing suspects in Chicago letter to the Director, dated July 15, 1959, captioned, "BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS; RACIAL MATTERS":

JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS
FORREST ALLEN MANN, Jr.
MAYNARD ORLANDO NELSON
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

It is noted that the Chicago Division has carried the above-mentioned individuals, together with MATTHAIS KOEHL and EUSTACE CLARENCE MULLINS, Jr., as "racial extremists" in the Chicago area. Such designation was made because of the very nature of their activities. It was felt at the time of original designation that lack of specific information regarding handling of explosives or bombs on the part of these individuals would, of necessity, cause them to be classified other than as potential bombing suspects.

It is noted that since investigations have been conducted regarding these individuals, cases concerning WERNECKE and MANN have been re-evaluated because of information developed regarding these individuals and their reported interests in, or knowledge of, explosives. WERNECKE and MANN are henceforth being classified by this division as potential bombing suspects and, therefore, are being deleted as racial extremists of this office.

By separate communication, the Latent Fingerprint Section will be requested to include the names of WERNECKE and MANN in the Single Fingerprint Explosives File.

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It is noted that LOUIS GEORGE STEPHEN KRISTYNIK, referred to in mentioned Chicago letter of July 15, 1959, has been designated by this division as a potential bombing suspect. KRISTYNIK was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on January 12, 1959, with DAVID LEONARD SQUIRES and WILLIAM HENRY SQUIRES, both bombing suspects in the Chicago area, in possession of two home-made bombs. It has since been reported that these individuals were on their way to commit a bombing at the time of arrest.

The current corrected designations within the Chicago Division are now as follows:

Potential Bombing Suspects

FRANK KOSTKA
LOUIS GEORGE STEPHEN KRISTYNIK
ORVILLE R. MC COY
FORREST ALLEN MANN, Jr.
FRANK PETRONZIO
DAVID LEONARD SQUIRES
WILLIAM HENRY SQUIRES
JOSEPH TENUTO
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

Racial Extremists

JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS
MATTHIAS KOEHL
EUSTACE CLARENCE MULLINS, Jr.
MAYNARD ORLANDO NELSON
Reverend MORRIS HARRISON TYNES

**EX-BUND HEAD
TO GIVE UP, HE
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William W. Wernecke, former German-American bund leader who forfeited a \$5,000 bond last Wednesday when he failed to appear in Criminal

court, telephoned a bondsman Monday and said he would be in court Tuesday morning, the court was informed. It was not known where he called from.

Judge Robert E. English, who was to have heard charges that Wernecke hired a laborer to beat a friend of

his ex-wife, Ruth, is now hearing the Hansen murder case. Wernecke's attorney has asked that Wernecke be given a sanity hearing.

Judge English did not indicate Monday whether he would interrupt the Hansen trial to dispose of the Wernecke charges.

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Order Arrest Of Former Bund Chief

Fails to Appear
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Deputy sheriffs Wednesday sought William B. Wernecke, 52, former German American Bund leader, after he failed to appear in Criminal Court.



W. B. WERNECKE

Wernecke was to go on trial for plotting to harm a business associate. Judge Robert E. English ordered Wernecke's immediate arrest after he failed to show up.

WERNECKE, 6250 Wayne, is accused of hiring Elmer Steigler, 34, of Wonder Lake, to beat up Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral.

Wernecke and Nicholas were associated in real estate deals, and quarreled over property owned by Wernecke's wife; the state charged.

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Ex-Bund Chief Faces Sanity Test

Wernecke's Bond Set at \$50,000

A sanity hearing was ordered Tuesday for William Wernecke, 52, former German-American bund leader.

Criminal Judge Robert E. English set bond of \$50,000 for Wernecke, who surrendered in court.

Wernecke pleaded to have his bond reduced so that he could feed his cattle on a farm he owns at Huntley, Ill., but English refused.

WERNECKE failed to appear last Wednesday in court where he was being tried on a charge of hiring a man to beat up Dadishow Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral, a business associate.

Judge English ordered Wernecke's \$5,000 bond forfeited at that time. He vacated this order Tuesday and set the higher bond.

Wernecke said he had been suffering from insomnia and on the advice of his doctor remained away from court.

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Sanity Hearing for Ex-Bundist Ordered by Court

A sanity hearing was ordered today for William B. Wernecke, 52, former German-American Bund leader and convicted draft dodger who failed to show up for his trial in Criminal court last week.

Wernecke, 6550 Wayne av. told Judge Robert E. English he disappeared because he had been unable to sleep for six nights before his case was called. A physician had advised him he was not in condition to bear the strain of the bench trial.

Joseph Nagle, counsel for Wernecke, showed the court a letter from another doctor pronouncing the Nazi sympathizer mentally ill and unable to cooperate with his attorney.

Judge English set Wernecke's bond at \$50,000. Wernecke could not post the bond and was confined in the county jail pending the sanity hearing.

Wernecke was being tried on a charge of conspiring to commit assault with intent to kill. Police said he hired a man to beat a former business associate for befriending Wernecke's ex-wife.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (157-2)

FROM : SA JULIAN R. WALTERS

DATE: 10-12-59

SUBJECT: KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE
ORGANIZATIONS AND RACIAL
INFORMANTS
RACIAL MATTERS; BOMBING MATTERS

ReBulet to Chicago dated 8/21/59 and Chicago
letter to Bureau dated 9/3/59.

The Bureau by referenced letter dated August 21,
1959, instructed that certain individuals have been desi-
gnated by the Chicago Division erroneously as "racial
extremists". They advised that such designation should be
discontinued and that henceforth all subjects in this classi-
fication will be identified as potential bombing suspects.

The following therefore are individuals within
this Division so classified, current as of the date of this
memorandum:

POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECTS

JOSEPH BEAUHARNIS
MATTHAIS KOEHL
FRANK KOSTKA
LOUIS GEORGE STEPHEN KRYSTYNIAK
ORVILLE R. MC COY
FORREST ALLEN MANN, Jr.

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1 - 105-1017 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNIS)
1 - 105-3527 (MATTHAIS KOEHL)
1 - 157-6 (FRANK KOSTKA)
1 - 157-13 (LOUIS GEORGE STEPHEN KRYSTYNIAK)
1 - 157-7 (ORVILLE R. MC COY)
1 - 105-3802 (FORREST ALLEN MANN, Jr.)
1 - 105-1152 (EUSTACE C. MULLINS)
1 - 105-5587 (MAYNARD ORLANDO NELSON)
1 - 158-8 (FRANK PETRONZIO)
1 - 157-5 (DAVID LEONARD SQUIRES)
1 - 157-4 (WILLIAM HENRY SQUIRES)
1 - 157-9 (JOSEPH TENUTO)
1 - 100-32142 (Reverend MORRIS HARRISON TYNES)
1 - 65-582 (WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE)

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FRANK PETRONZIO
WILLIAM HENRY SQUIRES
JOSEPH TENUTO
Reverend MORRIS HARRISON TYNES
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

It is noted that DAVID LEONARD SQUIRES, previously identified as a bombing suspect within the Chicago Division, has been deleted from this category in that he, on June 16, 1959, was committed to the South Carolina State Penitentiary for a period of 21 years for armed robbery. The Bureau has been advised of this deletion.

In accordance with existing Bureau instructions, Manual of Instructions, Section 23(D), it is necessary that verification of each of above subjects' residence, employment and description of auto should be made each six months; however, it is not necessary that the individual case be maintained in a pending status.

It is requested that a tickler be set based on the date of last verification and that a copy of results of each succeeding verification be designated for Chicago file 157-2 (Control File).

The Manual of Instructions reference, previously mentioned, also instructs that in addition to subject's background, information should be developed to show hours of employment, description of automobile and license number, photograph, handwriting specimen, identification record and whereabouts as of the times of pertinent bombings in the past. In addition, a reliable neighborhood source should be developed and an alternate Agent should be designated to assume responsibility for the suspect in the absence of the assigned Agent. If it is indicated that the suspect may personally handle explosives, the Latent Fingerprint Section should be requested to include him in the Single Fingerprint Explosives File.

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Complete information from Chicago files is to be furnished the Bureau to include the names and aliases as well as descriptions and arrest or FBI numbers of suspects.

It is requested that files concerning each of the above identified individuals be reviewed to ascertain if all instructions relative to potential bombing suspects have been complied with.

Should information become available indicating the subject should be deleted as a potential bombing suspect, the Bureau should be immediately notified.

Upon completion of review of these files it is requested that all information as required by Bureau instructions regarding these matters be recorded in subject's file by memorandum setting forth, among other required data, the name of the Agent to whom responsibility for the subject is assigned as well as the name of the alternate Agent. A copy of this memorandum should be directed to 157-2.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC
SAC, Chicago (137-2541)

DATE: October 13, 1959

FROM : SA
BILLY E. WEBB

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact	
Titles and File #s on which based <u>9/21-10/9/59</u>	
KENNETH WATSON, UPAP-ROBBERY	88-3785
TONY ACCARDO, Top Hoodlum	92-344
FRANK LA BORTE, Hiding Witness	92-694
WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE	65-582
Unsubs (3); EVERGREEN PLAZA STATE BANK et al. 10/21/58-Bank Robbery	91-2074
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interested Agent notified via R/S. (88-3785) See attachments II See attached FD. 302
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
Personal Data	Rating Coverage <u>Good</u> <u>65-582-213</u> <u>same</u>

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On October 9, 1959, [redacted] advised SAs BILLY E. WEBB and LESTER K. ESAREY that an acquaintance known to him as HARRY CAPRIO (Ph) who allegedly operates a gambling joint someplace in northern Indiana and under indictment for an unknown charge in Lake County, Ind., recently informed him that he borrowed \$25,000.00 from FRANKIE LA PORT (Ph) to rebuild his gambling house which had burned down sometime during the past six months. CAPRIO also indicated that his partner was WILLIAM WERNECKE, former member of the German-American Bund, who is currently under indictment for murder in Cook County, Ill. CG 6257-G stated that CAPRIO asked him to be a Character witness on behalf of WERNECKE inasmuch as WERNECKE had agreed to be a witness for CAPRIO in connection with his case in Lake County, Ind. CAPRIO ~~has been~~ allegedly ~~found~~ obtained the loan ~~from~~ from LA PORT approximately six weeks ago.



William Wernecke tries to avoid photographer at Criminal Court Bldg. (Sun-Times Photo)

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Ex-Bund Leader Here Found Guilty

Former German-American Bund leader William Wernecke, 49, was found guilty Tuesday of conspiracy to kill by Criminal Court Judge Robert E. English.

Wernecke, of 6520 N. Wayne, was charged with hiring Elmer Stiegler, 34, of 3421 N. Marshfield, to thrash a man Wernecke suspected of courting Wernecke's estranged wife, Ruth.

Wernecke's intended victim, according to testimony Stiegler gave, was Dadison Nicholas, 55, of 1446 W. Balmoral, a real estate operator and former business associate of Wernecke.

The former Bund leader's trial began Sept. 11, but was halted Sept. 15 when he failed to appear in court. After a psychiatrist wrote that Wernecke was temporarily insane, the defendant surrendered Sept. 22.

Judge English raised Wernecke's bond to \$50,000 and the defendant remained in County Jail until resumption of the trial Monday. A jury then decided he was sane.

Sentencing was set for Wednesday after Wernecke's lawyer cited a legal decision which, according to the lawyer, would make it impossible to

sentence Wernecke unless Stiegler also were found guilty of the same charge as a co-conspirator.

Stiegler, who turned state's evidence, was not charged with conspiracy.

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**EX-BUND HEAD
FOUND GUILTY
OF CONSPIRACY**

William B. Wernecke, 52, former German-American bund leader, was found guilty Tuesday of conspiracy to commit murder at a bench trial before Judge Robert E. English in Criminal court. The judge will sentence him Wednesday. Wernecke was accused of attempting to hire a laborer to beat Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral av., a friend of Wernecke's estranged wife, Ruth. During his trial last Sept. 16, Wernecke walked out of the courtroom and his bond was forfeited. He was captured and held in the county jail until resumption of the trial. A jury found him sane at a sanity hearing Monday before Judge English. He faces a maximum penalty of one to five years in prison.

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**Former Bund Leader
Gets 1 To 5 Years**

William B. Wernecke, 49, was sentenced Wednesday to the maximum penalty—1-to-5 years in prison—for conspiracy to kill.

The ex-convict, former draft dodger and German-American Bund leader pleaded unsuccessfully for probation or a light sentence.

Criminal Court Judge Robert E. English said that Wernecke's "arrogance" in court was one

factor that led him to deny leniency.

Wernecke, of 6520 N. Wayne, had refused to answer certain prosecution questions. He was found guilty Tuesday after a bench trial without a jury.

He was accused of plotting against a former business associate, Dadishou Nicholas, 55, of 1446 W. Balmoral.

Wernecke reportedly had objected to attentions paid to his wife by Nicholas. The convicted man remained in the Cook County Jail in lieu of posting a \$50,000 bond, pending an appeal.

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
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Ex-Bund Leader Gets 1-5 Years

William B. Wernecke Wednesday lost his chance at probation because of "arrogant conduct in court" and was sentenced to one to five years in prison.

Wernecke, 52, former German-American Bund leader and draft dodger, was found guilty Tuesday by Criminal court Judge Robert E. English of conspiring to murder Dadi-shau Nicholas.

WERNECKE was convicted of hiring Elmer T. Steigler, 34, of Wonder Lake, Ill., to beat up Nicholas, 1446 Balmoral, an associate of Wernecke in the real estate business.

In passing sentence, English said, "The arrogant behavior of the defendant on the stand shows his propensity to take the law into his own hands."

At one point in the trial, Wernecke called the prosecu-

tor, William Winn, "a scum" and refused to answer his questions.

WERNECKE also jumped bond three days after the trial originally started Sept. 16. He reappeared on Sept. 22, when English increased his bond from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Wernecke, who lives at 6250 Wayne, has been in County jail since then.

English Tuesday delayed execution of the sentence till Nov. 24 to allow attorneys to file an appeal but he refused to reduce the bond.

The state dropped conspiracy charges against Steigler, who instead of beating up Nicholas had tipped him off.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 10/29/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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RACIAL MATTERS;
BOMBING MATTERS

Re Chicago memo from SA JULIAN R. WALTERS to the SAC, dated 10/12/59, captioned, "KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE ORGANIZATIONS AND RACIAL INFORMANTS, RACIAL MATTERS; BOMBING MATTERS", setting forth the name of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE as a potential bombing suspect.

The "Chicago Daily News", Wednesday, 10/28/59 issue, on page 30, columns 1 and 2, in an article entitled, "Ex-Bund Leader Gets 1-5 Years" sets forth information which disclosed that WILLIAM B. WERNECKE was sentenced to 1-5 years in prison. Judge ENGLISH, on Tuesday, 10/27/59, delayed execution of the sentence until 11/24/59 to allow attorneys to file an appeal, but he refused to reduce the \$50,000 bond.

It is to be noted that WERNECKE has been unable to make his \$50,000 bond and has been, therefore, incarcerated since September of this year.

(In view of the above, WERNECKE is being deleted as a potential bombing suspect and no further action is being taken concerning WERNECKE in this matter.)

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/23/59

FROM : SA J. W. Toedt

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

PCI (RAC)

Dates of Contact

8/20/59, 9/18/59, 10/22/59

Titles and File #s on which contacted

1-157-2 Bombings attempted bombings
65-582 Wm B. Wenecke
105-1709 Joe Beauchemin

Purpose and results of contact

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on 10/24/59, PCI advised that William B. Wenecke was that date was still in Cook County jail under \$50,000.00 bond. He is scheduled to have a sanity hearing 10/26/59. She also stated she had been subpoenaed as a defense witness in Wenecke's trial & testified on the first day of the trial. Her testimony consisted of her knowledge of Wenecke & the fact that she had never heard anything from him since he committed the crime with which he is charged. With Wenecke's authorization she recently had all his effects moved from [REDACTED] and placed in storage. During that move PCI searched his belongings & apartment & found no evidence that he possessed any explosives. She stated she is in regular contact with Wenecke at the jail & by correspondence & that he is disillusioned to find that some of his so-called "right" friends have come to his aid. On 9/59 Joseph Beauchemin & Anthony Marino attended a reception held for PCI's daughter at the Wharmen Hotel, Chicago, following her wedding. On this occasion PCI asked Beauchemin

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510 N. Dearborn

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and Marino if they were aware of Wernecke's predicament & if they had been to see him at the Cook County jail they stated they were aware of the situation & that they hated to see Wernecke in jail, but that there was nothing they could do about it.

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 12/21/59

FROM : SA J. W. Toedt

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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PCI (RAC)

Dates of Contact	
11/30, 12/11, 17/59	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
65-582 (Wm Wesnecke)	
105-1709 (Joe Beauchemin)	
100-25644 (Francis Yockey)	
157-2 (Bunbings datt bunbings)	

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☐ Positive

pci advised she had maintained contact with Wm Wesnecke & that he had obtained another lawyer & plans to appeal his conviction. Stated that Wesnecke also is in contact with & corresponding a great deal with Joe Beauchemin, Tony Marino, Jean Kambourick & Albert Perrier, 934 Eastwood Ave. advised she has again attempted to get in touch with Eliq Selling but as yet had received no response. Stated she had never heard Wesnecke speak of anyone by the name of Francis Yockey

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Ex-Bund Chief Faces Sanity Test

*Wernecke's Bond
Set at \$50,000*

A sanity hearing was ordered Tuesday for William Wernecke, 52, former German-American bund leader.

Criminal Judge Robert E. English set bond of \$50,000 for Wernecke, who surrendered in court.

Wernecke pleaded to have his bond reduced so that he could feed his cattle on a farm he owns at Huntley, Ill., but English refused.

WERNECKE failed to appear last Wednesday in court where he was being tried on a charge of hiring a man to beat up Dadishow Nicholas, 55, of 1446 Balmoral, a business associate.

Judge English ordered Wernecke's \$5,000 bond forfeited at that time. He vacated this order Tuesday and set the higher bond.

Wernecke said he had been suffering from insomnia and on the advice of his doctor remained away from court.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (25-5976*)

January 12, 1960

DATE:

FROM : Virginia Maloney, Correlation Clerk

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, aka
WILLIAM WOERNECKE, WILLIAM WARNECKE,
SELECTIVE SERVICEATTENTION: SA CURTIS A. HESTER

This memorandum contains all identical and questionable security references pertaining to the subject.

It should be noted that Chicago File No. 52-3549* and Chicago File No. 65-582* are identical to the subject of this case. Chicago File No. 105-5606* is the subject file of RUTH WERNECKE, wife of the subject of this case.

Serial 350 is a Correlation Memo dated September 14, 1955 on WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE.

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Re letter written at Chicago September 3, 1958 from SAC R. D. AUERBACH to H. ALAN LONG, District Director of Internal Revenue, First District of Illinois, P.O. Box 1193, Chicago 90, Illinois.

On August 25, 1958 Mr. DADISOU NICOLAS, owner of the Diversey Realty Co., 5408 North Clark Street, Chicago, advised SA CURTIS A. HESTER of this office that one WILLIAM B. WOERNECKE of Huntley, Illinois has violated the Income Tax Laws for the past ten years in that he hasn't filed an Income Tax Return during that period. According to Mr. NICOLAS, WOERNECKE has had a substantial income during that period and each year fills out the tax return form, has his wife, RUTH, sign them, and then destroys them. He pointed out that WOERNECKE some time ago formed a corporation in Illinois named, "American Humane Church", installed himself as the Bishop, and buys and sells apartment buildings in the name of the church, meanwhile pocketing the profits. Mr. NICOLAS stated that WOERNECKE resided at 6250 North Wayne, Chicago, until about two years ago.

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Mr. NICOLAS desires that an agent of your Bureau contact him for more details in this matter. He stated he has documents to support his allegation. He is most desirous of having his name kept confidential.

It is to be noted that WOERNECKE allegedly carries a gun and should be considered dangerous.

This information is being furnished you for whatever action you deem appropriate.

American Humane Society

"The Worker",
December 30, 1956, p 16, col. 1

100-19491-2462 p 1

"The Worker", December 30, 1956, p 16, col. 1 reflects article, "How City Police OK'd Arming of Fascists", by CARL HIRSCH.

Are Chicago's fascist fanatics getting ready for armed violence. An open conspiracy was disclosed here this week involving the three main groupings of what is known as "the lunatic fringe."

A new organization, chartered by the State of Illinois, has as its directors:

1. JOSEPH BEAUHARNOIS, the founder of the notorious anti-Negro White Circle League.
2. Mrs. LYRL VAN HYNING, for 20 years the ringleader of Anti-Semitic organizations here, head of, "We, the Mothers", and publisher of the violence-provoking "Woman's Voice."
3. WILLIAM WARNECKE, the head of the pro-Nazi movement here and for several years the leader of the pre-Hitler German-American Bund in Chicago.

Under the name of the American Humane Society, these fascist elements had secured authorization from the Chicago Police Department to carry firearms.

BEAUHARNOIS has continued promoting anti-Negro attack, centering his activity at Trumbull Park Homes and of women who were operating as agents of the American Humane Society out of the home of Bundist WILLIAM B. WERNECKE at 6250 Wayne Avenue.

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They are WERNECKE's wife, RUTH, VICTORIA STRECKER, 1705 W. Diversey, EDITH DRANE, 2453 N. Halsted.

"The Daily Worker,"
January 25, 1957, p 5, col. 3

100-19491-2476

(Same information as contained in 100-19491-2462 p 1 listed above.)

German Technischer Verein Von Chicago
(German Technical Society of Chicago)

Confidential Source through
Assistant U. S. Attorney,
Chicago, Illinois

100-9897-7---combined with 100-4785-19 p 10

Re Report made at Chicago, Illinois, July 17, 1943
by SA JAMES L. HANDLEY re "German Technical Society of Chicago (German Technischer Verein Von Chicago)" - IS-G.

This case is being re-opened upon receipt of complete information pertaining to subject organization as obtained from a confidential source through Assistant U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois. It was advised by the U. S. Attorney that the source of his information cannot be revealed at this writing.

A letter of December 13, 1955 is a receipt from the D.A.W.A. signed by WILLY WARNECKE for \$200 paid as membership fee by the Technischer Verein. (D.A.W.A. is part of the United German Societies of Greater New York) The subject organization joined the D.A.W.A. and had difficulties with the D. H. V., the forerunner of the D.A.B. The D.H.V. claimed to represent the German Labor Front in the United States and endeavored to form its own technical group. At this time the Technischer Verein appealed to the German Consulate for assistance, but the consulate suggested it submit its complaint to the authorities in Germany. A circular letter of the D.H.V. sent out in 1935 shows that this organization operated on Nazi national principals and it had arrangements with the labor front in Germany whereby members returning to Germany were given full credit for their membership in the United States.

(Writer is unable to determine whether above is identical with the subject of this case.)

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National Renaissance Party

Detective Walter Karpewich

105-1493-26 p 8

Re Memo to Director, FBI from SAC, New York June 10, 1959 re "National Renaissance Party" - IS-X.

On May 28, 1959, Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department (conceal) furnished SA JAMES D. BRODY with a number of 3 x 5 cards bearing the names and addresses of various individuals, some of whom have contributed to the National Renaissance Party (NRP) which is headed by JAMES H. MADDLE.

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Detective [redacted] advised that he had received this material from officials of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), NYC, who told [redacted] that they had obtained the material from an unidentified individual who had apparently stolen the above material from MADDLE's residence at 10 West 90th St., NYC.

It is reported that on February 27, 1959, an unknown man entered MADDLE's apartment and took \$40 cash as well as an NRP mailing list from MADDLE at gunpoint.

It is noted that on April 21, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the NRP is an anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, neo-Fascist, organization with activities generally confined to the NYC area. It was founded in 1949, by JAMES H. MADDLE who is in complete control of the party. The party's main function is distribution of the National Renaissance Bulletin on a monthly basis and distribution of pro-Arab literature obtained from official Arab establishments in NYC.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, in a preliminary report, dated December 17, 1955, stated "NRP Activities and propaganda are clearly subversive and Un-American."

[redacted] stated that the NRP continues to maintain headquarters in the apartment of JAMES MADDLE, Apartment 8, 10 West 90th St., NYC, N.Y.

Copies of this letter are being designated for the information of these offices in whose territories the below listed individuals, who contributed to the NRP, reside. Listed under Chicago office is the name of: WILLIAM WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois - subscription - \$2.00 - Contribution - \$5.00 - Membership \$1.00.

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Seaboard White Citizens Councils.



105-3677-19 p 13

Re Memo to Director from SAC, WFO dated December 12, 1958
re "White Citizens Councils of D.C., aka Seaboard White Citizens Councils"-
Racial Matters.

On November 14, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable
information in the past, made available the original copies of four
lists pertaining to subject organizations.

These lists were in the possession of FLOYD H. FLEMING,
President of the Seaboard White Citizens Councils (SWCC). The lists
were photographed and the originals returned to informant. The photographs
are being maintained in WFO file 100-33226-1B 3-4.

Under, "Contributors" --This is a list of persons who have
contributed money to the SWCC without asking anything in return.

Listed is the name of: under "Chicago"

WILLIAM WERNECKE
Route 1
Huntley, Ill.

Informant's explanations are filed in [redacted]

Other Information Concerning WILLIAM WERNECKE:

105-1152-15

Re Report dated July 2, 1956 re "Alleged U. S. Army
Recruiting Service Poster" written by JAMES E. MACKIN, 113th CIC Detachment.

On June 21, 1956 this agent contacted Mr. WILLIAM G.
PINSLEY, fact-finder, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, 343 South
Dearborn Street, Suite 1810, Chicago 4, Illinois. Source stated he was
furnished with a photostatic copy of a letter written by EUSTACE MULLINS,
126 Madison Place, Staunton, Virginia dated January 2, 1956 addressed to a
"Mr. WEISS."

Source stated that MULLINS resided with one WILLIAM BL
WERNECKE, alleged by source to have been active in the German-American
Bund, at 6250 North Wayne Avenue, Chicago, until they had a falling out.
MULLINS then resided with the aforementioned Mrs. VAW HYNING and her
husband at their apartment at the La Salle Towers, 1211 North La Salle
Street, Chicago, until he left this area.

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WILLIAM PINSLEY, ADL, 343 So. Dearborn, on March 5, 1959 furnished SA L.O. BOGSTAD a report of ADL Midwest Fact-Finding Department, Chicago, Illinois, March 3, 1959.

2. Chicago's WILLIAM B. WERNECKE Is In Trouble Again.

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, a former German-American Bund Leader and convicted World War II draft dodger, was arrested by Chicago Police late in February and faces charges of conspiracy to beat up a business associate. Authorities have charged that WERNECKE hired an unemployed worker to beat up or maim a real estate man who had befriended WERNECKE's estranged wife in a family squabble. The hireling was apprehended at the victim's home, carrying a loaded .38 calibre pistol, subsequently traced to WERNECKE. When WERNECKE was picked up at his apartment, authorities discovered a cache of assorted guns and pistols, including one automatic capable of firing 21 rounds at one squeeze of the trigger. Federal authorities are investigating to determine whether WERNECKE has violated the Federal Firearms Law, WERNECKE is scheduled to appear in court on March 4.

In the post-war years, WERNECKE has cooperated closely with most of the hate practitioners in the Chicagoland area and has maintained liaison with other such elements around the country.

100-1816-1B 4 (28) p 4

WM. PINSLEY, 343 So. Dearborn, on April 10, 1959 furnished SA L.O. BOGSTAD report typewritten, "Report of ADL" Midwest Fact-Finding Department, Chicago, Illinois, April 9, 1959."

"Chicago's WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, former German-American Bund Leader, appeared before the grand jury on March 17, fleeing from his arrest in late February on charges that he sought to have an ex-business associate maimed. WERNECKE has now been indicted on two charges, one count for conspiracy to commit murder, the second count charging malicious mischief. He is presently out on bond, reportedly \$5,000, and his case will probably be assigned to a trial judge within the next few days."

105-3802-3

Re Memo to Director, FBI, from SAC, Indianapolis dated July 5, 1956 re "F. ALLEN MANN" - Information Concerning.

[redacted] Panel Source, appeared at the Indianapolis Office June 28, 1956 and advised that he has corresponded with captioned individual involving a mutual interest among fascist, anti-Semitic lines. According to [redacted] MANN resides in Hansdale, Illinois and has been publishing

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A Fascist sheet call [redacted]", which is extremely pre-fascist and anti-Semitic. lines. According to [redacted], MANN resides in Bensdale, Illinois and has been publishing a Fascist sheet called, "Revere", which is extremely pre-fascist and anti-Semitic.

On June 27, 1956, MANN phoned [redacted] and talked at length on activities and future plans of his associates. During the conversation MANN stated he was the leader of a small group in Bensdale composed of five members. This group has been responsible for the burning of wooden crosses in front lawns of "negro lovers" etc. MANN advised [redacted] that they plan to burn a cross on lawn of an "Indian minister at the Unitarian Church" in Bensdale, Illinois in near future. During this conversation [redacted] mentioned to subject that he was going to Chicago, Illinois July 2 through July 4, 1956 whereupon MANN suggested contacting the following associates of his in Chicago: MATT KOEHL, MAX NELSON, and WILLIAM WERNECKE.

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NELSON, a real estate broker, resides at 1914 West School Street and heads a fascists group in Chicago called, "Real Political Institute." [redacted] was instructed by subject to contact NELSON and through him meet WERNECKE and KOEHL. Subject told [redacted] that NELSON is heading a fascists group including WERNECKE and KOEHL which is planning some type of disturbance at the National Democratic Convention in order to gain publicity and generally harass the Democratic gathering next month.

[redacted] is to contact MAX NELSON July 3, 1956 in Chicago and will advise this office upon his return any additional information he may obtain concerning the above.

105-1152-25

Re report made by THOMAS G. IRWIN, 113th CIC Detachment
On January 8, 1957 re "Alleged U. S. Army Recruiting Service Pester".

On January 7, 1957 this agent was contacted by telephone by Mr. WILLIAM G. PINSLEY, fact finder, B'Nai B'rith, 343 South Dearborn Street, Suite 1810, Chicago, Illinois who asked that he be contacted on January 8, 1957 concerning information on one EUSTACE MULLINS and his activities. MULLINS is known to be closely associated with one WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, 6250 North Wayne, Chicago, and who owns a farm at Huntley, Illinois. WERNECKE is one of the leaders of this "crackpot" group in the Chicago area, and had a meeting on January 1, 1957 at his farm home. MULLINS was one of a group of 9 who attended. This group was organized as the American Humane Society, and attempted to secure police commissions so that they could carry weapons. Commissions were issued to the group, for four of their personnel, until the Chicago Police Department found out the reason for the group's organization. They they revoked the commission.

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Re Memo to SAC, Chicago from SA JOHN W. TOEDT dated June 9, 1959 re subject, "WILLIAM B. WERNECKE" - Racial Matters.

On May 25, 1959, [] PCI, (RAC), [] Chicago, Illinois advised SA ROBERT J. DOIAN and the writer that WILLIAM WERNECKE presently drives a two door Chevrolet with a light green body and a dark green top. She stated that WERNECKE still resides at 6250 North Wayne Avenue and has his assets stored in his flat in the garage at that address. She stated that she understands, however, that the present owners YADGIRS, are selling that residence and that WERNECKE will probably have to vacate. She stated that YADGIR resides at 2653 North Wilton, phone RA 7-7694. She further related that WERNECKE has in the past had some printing done by the Pioneer Printing Company, which is located on the west side of Cicero Avenue, just south of Montrose. She stated that this concern is operated by one STANLEY (LNU), whose wife is employed at the G & I Grill, Lawrence and Kimball Streets. She stated that STANLEY (LNU) previously was employed by GEORGE SCHENK, at the Broadway Equipment Company. [] stated that WERNECKE's current girl friend is one JEAN EMMERICK, who resides at 4539 North Lincoln Avenue, phone RA 8-0050.

It was further reported by [] that she had learned from WERNECKE that TONY MARINO was arrested in connection with the breaking of windows at the Goldblatt downtown store sometime prior to World War II, in which incident WERNECKE was involved. She stated that she did not know the present chef CAP at the Charmet Restaurant, on North Michigan Avenue, which is operated by her brother-in-law, SAM JACOBS. He stated that it was her understanding that MARINO resides somewhere on North Dearborn Street, and that his whereabouts can be determined through JOHN (LNU), who is presently employed as a cook at the Charmet Restaurant.

It was also reported by [] that MIKE BRANDT, an acquaintance of WERNECKE, presently resides with her at 1257 Sunnyside, Chicago. BRANDT is presently employed by the Lyons Engineering Company, on Commonwealth Edison project at 26th & Racine Avenue. On this occasion, [] furnished a letter she had obtained from WERNECKE's effects which he had received from CHARLES KELLY, Valdesta, Georgia, in February, 1959, in which KELLY advised of the formation of a new group. Pertinent information from that letter will be incorporated in a channelizing memorandum.

[] further stated that approximately [] months ago she was in the company of WERNECKE, when he was opening some mail he had received. She stated that upon opening one of the letters, commenting that one of his friends wanted to send him some dynamite. She stated she had no further information as to the identity of that individual. No further information of pertinence was available to [] at this time.

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Re Memo to SAC, Chicago from SA BILLY E. WEBB re subject, [redacted] dated October 13, 1959, title, "KENNETH WATSON, UFAP-Robbery" - TONY ACCARDO - Top Hoodlum FRANK LA PORTE, Missing Witness, WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE - Unsubs. (3) Evergreen Plaza State Bank, et al - 10-21-58 - Bank Robbery. b7D

On October 9, 1959, [redacted] advised SA'S BILLY E. WEBB and LESTER K. ESAREY that an acquaintance known to him as HARRY CAPRIO (ph) who allegedly operates a gambling joint someplace in northern Indiana and under indictment for an unknown charge, in Lake County, Indiana, recently informed him that he borrowed \$25,000.00 from FRANKIE LA PORT (ph) to rebuild his gambling house which had burned down sometime during the past six months. CAPRIO also indicated that his partner was WILLIAM WERNECKE, former member of the German-American Bund, who is currently under indictment for murder in Cook County, Illinois. [redacted] stated that CAPRIO asked him to be a character witness in behalf of WERNECKE inasmuch as WERNECKE had agreed to be a witness for CAPRIO, in connection with his case in Lake County, Indiana. CAPRIO allegedly obtained the loan from LA PORT approximately six weeks ago.

Incorrect References

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Not Identical with Subject:

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 3/28/60

FROM : SA J. W. Tardiff

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SUBJECT:

PCI (RAC)

Dates of Contact

3/1, 16/60

Titles and File #s on which contacted

157-2 (Bombing, Racial Matters)

65-582 (William Wenecke)

Purpose and result of contact

☒ Negative
☐ Positive

[redacted] was contacted for purposes of further development. Stated she had no additional information re general bombing or racial matters. Has had recent contact with William Wenecke. Informed that Wenecke is presently out on bond believed to be \$50,000.00. Stated she didn't know where he raised the bond. Wenecke is presently spending most of his time at his farm at Huntly, Ill. His attorney is one (Jma) Bolger.

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Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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presently unemployed. Resides now at 1064 Greenville Ave, ego, phone AM 2-8128

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DATE: 4/20/60

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

PCI (RAC)

Dates of Contact	
3/29, 4/11, 19/60	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
157-2	Bombing, Racial Matters
65-582	William Wennecke

Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	<p>PCI continues regular contact with William Wennecke. advised he continues to spend most of his time at his farm in Huntley, Ill and that he has living with him a young male, Albert Farris. Wennecke was able to make bond through Commercial Bondsmen & mortgaged his farm for \$10,000.00 in order to do so. Wennecke continues to drive the 1953 Chevrolet he has had for approximately the past year & that his other model Cadillac automobile is parked at a fuel gas station in vicinity of Clark & Howard St and that Wennecke apparently plans to abandon it. Wennecke is regularly in contact with Charles H. Kelly, Valdesky, Ill and has indicated to PCI that this correspondence is in connection with Kelly's activity in behalf of group known as "National anti-Communist League". PCI also noted that Wennecke subscribed to a publication of the Christian Education Socy Union, U.S. & will furnish any further information received.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive	
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 5/16/60

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: *WILLIAM B. WERNECKE*
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Review of this file regarding captioned individual, a potential bombing suspect of the Chicago Division shows that subject's residence, employment, and hours of employment should be verified in compliance with current Bureau instructions regarding individuals so designated.

It is requested that automobile license numbers be checked in view of the fact that this file shows only 1959 registration.

It is additionally requested that consideration be given to subject's activities since date of last review to determine if subject's name may now be included in the Single Fingerprint Explosives File, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division.

A copy of the results of this verification and review should be disseminated to Chicago file 157-2 (Control File).

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 6/30/60

FROM : SA J. W. Taedt

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact	
5/26, 6/8, 17, 29/60	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
157-2 Bombing & Racial Matters	
65-582 - Wm B. Wenecke	
105-2503 - Christian Education Assn, Union, N.J.	
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	pci continues to have regular contact with Wenecke. Wenecke continues to spend his time on his farm at Huntley, Ill while awaiting outcome of the appeal in 1st appeals court of his conviction for Conspiracy. He continues to drive the same 1953 Chevrolet. pci will obtain & furnish license #. States he also continues to see Jan Eumerich, 4539 N. Lincoln ave regularly. pci furnished a copy of "Know your Enemy" by Robert H. Williams & of the 5/1/60 & 5/15/60 issues of "Common Sense" to which she has subscribed & which she received by mail from the Christian Education Assn, Union, N.J. These will be retained in 105-2503
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.
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presently employed by Barbers & Merchants Inc, (Stamp manufacturer) #410 N. Ravenswood Ave, phone LO 1-300	VC
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TO : SAC

DATE: 8/10/60

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

PCI (CRAC)

Dates of Contact

7/8, 21, 8/11, 9/60

Titles and File #s on which contacted

157-2 Bombing & Racial Matters

65-582 Wm B. Wernecke

105-2503 Christian Education asso

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☒ Positive

PCI states Wernecke's Conspiracy Case is still pending in Ill appeals Court. Wernecke continues to spend his time mainly at Huntley, Ill at his farm. Furnished publications of Christian Education asso which will be retained in 105-2503



Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 8/17/60

FROM : J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
BOMBING MATTERS

On 8/12/60 PCI (RAC) [redacted] advised that WERNECKE continues to reside on his farm at Huntley, Ill., and to be unemployed.

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On 8/15/60 RALPH L. SIEGEL, clerk, appellate court of Illinois, 30 N. Michigan Ave., advised that the appeals court still has not handed down a decision on WERNECKE'S appeal from his conspiracy conviction.

It is recommended that this case be closed and a tickler prepared in order that it may be reopened to determine WERNECKE's residence and employment six months from date.

Responsible agent: TOEDT
Alternate agent: DOLAN

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RUEING UPSETS CONVICTION OF EX-BUND CHIEF

The Appellate court yesterday reversed a decision of Oct. 27, 1959, in which Judge Robert E. English found William B. Wernecke, 53, one-time German-American bund leader, guilty of conspiracy to commit murder. Wernecke was sentenced to one to five years in prison.

Wernecke was accused of attempting to hire Elmer Stiegler, a laborer, to beat or maim Dadishou Nicholas, 56, a friend of Wernecke's estranged wife, Ruth.

But the Appellate justices, in an opinion written by Judge Hugo M. Friend, ruled that the evidence was insufficient and ordered Wernecke freed. The court held it was Stiegler's word against Wernecke's, and stated it is "reasonable to assume" that Stiegler told his story to "extricate himself" from his predicament when arrested. Nicholas came with

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Court Voids Ex-Bundist's Conviction

The Illinois Appellate Court threw out a murder conspiracy conviction Wednesday against William B. Wernecke, 50, ex-convict and former German-American Bund leader.

He was convicted Oct. 28, 1959, and sentenced by Criminal Court Judge Robert B. English to a prison term of 1-to-5 years.

The appeals court, in a decision written by Judge Hugo M. Friend, ruled there was insufficient evidence to uphold the conviction.

Wernecke had been found guilty in a bench trial of plotting to kill Dadishou Nicholas, 56, a former associate in the real estate business.

Witnesses testified that Wernecke had objected to attentions paid to his wife, by Nicholas. The purported murder plot was not carried out.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 10/10/60

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
BOMBING MATTERS

On October 6, 1960, Mr. RALPH L. SIEGEL, Chief Clerk, Appellate Court of Illinois, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA JOHN W. TOEDT that on October 4, 1960, the Appellate Court of Illinois reversed outright the murder conspiracy conviction against captioned individual. The court ruled there was insufficient evidence to uphold the conviction of WERNECKE.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: *William B. Wernecke*,
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Review of this file regarding captioned individual, a potential bombing suspect of the Chicago Division shows that subject's residence, employment, and hours of employment should be verified in compliance with current Bureau instructions regarding individuals so designated.

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It is additionally requested that consideration be given to subject's activities since date of last review to determine if subject's name may now be included in the Single Fingerprint Explosives File, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 1/20/61

FROM : SA PAUL F. X. HOLLERAN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
ESPIONAGE

The following investigation was conducted by SAs PAUL F. X. HOLLERAN and PHILIP R. WANERUS on January 11, 1960, at Huntley, Illinois, in connection with the bombing of the AnsHe Emet Synagogue, 3760 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. Contact was made with the local police at Huntley, Illinois, who advised they were not acquainted with the subject.

Contact was made with Postmaster at Huntley, Illinois, who advised that the subject resides on a farm on Route 1 at Huntley, Illinois, and is unemployed at this time. An attempt was made to contact the subject at his farm, however, he was not at home.

Mr. L. BARHART, Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, who owns a farm directly across the street from the entrance to the subject's farm off of Route 1, advised that the subject departed from his farm in the early morning of January 11, 1960, in his 1953 two tone green Chevrolet, and was followed by another unidentified individual driving his own automobile. BARHART stated that he had not seen the subject since the morning. He further stated that the subject often times leaves his farm and does not return until late evening. He further stated that the subject who at one time had numerous dogs on his property no longer has any animals other than a few cows and some horses. BARHART stated that he did not know if the subject was at home during the day or evening on January 10, 1961, and, therefore, could furnish no information concerning the subject's activities during the pertinent period. For the information of the file, it is noted that the subject's residence is on Route 1 at Huntley, Illinois.

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Further that according to the Postmaster and Mr. BARHART, WERNECKE is considered as being an extremely odd individual, one whom the Postmaster remarked he would not trust nor attempt to be friendly with. The description of the subject as contained in the file is similar to the description given by Mr. BARHART. Also from observation it is noted that one of the homes on the subject's property is presently unoccupied and as far as it could be determined the subject resides alone in another building on the property.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Chicago Office received a communication postmarked 1/30/61 from WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, Huntley, Illinois, which letter contained the statement that WERNECKE had written the same material to several United States Senators and they were quite pleased to receive the information.

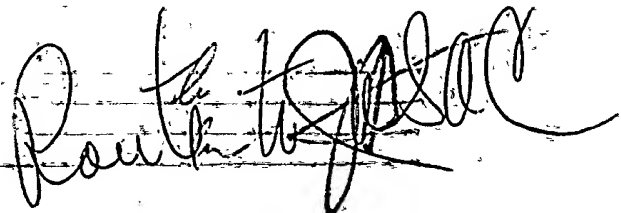
The letter refers to an enclosed letter which contains numerous allegations relative to the "Playboy" Magazine, a magazine of national distribution, the Playboy Lounge, a cocktail lounge situated in Chicago and the publishers of the magazine. The letter generally refers to the pornographic manner in which the pictures are placed in the magazine and the activities of the waitresses employed at the Playboy lounge. No specific allegations of white slave traffic act or ITOM were listed in the letter. WERNECKE in his letter to the Chicago Office stated that he requested that FBI Agent BONNER not be assigned this case as the writer had reason to believe BONNER is not acting properly in white slave matters and that he acts in "colution" with white slavers.

For the information of the Bureau, WERNECKE is the subject of numerous items of correspondence relating to bombing matters, espionage and racial matters in the Chicago Division.

SA JAMES F. BONNER had contact with WILLIAM B. WERNECKE in August, 1958, at which time WERNECKE reported that his wife (common law) and one TADISHAU NICHOLAS had

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traveled in interstate commerce for immoral purposes. Investigation conducted that time failed to verify any of the information consistent to that furnished by WERNECKE and the matter was declined by the USA at Chicago because of the inconsistent nature of the stories and if the facts if alleged by WERNECKE were true such was not corroborated by the victim.

On 10/20/58 RUTH WERNECKE advised that the subject WILLIAM B. WERNECKE is a very unstable individual under the care of a psychiatrist identified as Dr. HANS DEUTSCH, Chicago.

In 1959 WERNECKE was investigated by Postal authorities for mailing letters with obscene statements contained therein. He was convicted in 1943 of the Selective Service Act and was a member of the German-American Bund. In 1960 a murder conspiracy conviction wherein WERNECKE had been convicted of conspiring to murder TADISHAU NICHOLAS was overruled by the Appellate Court of the State of Illinois, the Court claiming that there was insufficient evidence upon which to uphold WERNECKE's conviction.

The last reference in the Chicago files to WERNECKE is one wherein the Postmaster at Huntley, Illinois, describes WERNECKE as being an odd individual.

In view of the fact there is no specific allegation of violations within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction and the background of WERNECKE, no further action is being taken in this matter and WERNECKE's letter is not being acknowledged.

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January 30, 1961

Mr. Paul Molloy
Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Mr. Molloy,

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on the fine news column which you write. Our movies and television have become low and decadent, and I rejoice that we have men like you, who will check this wave of degeneracy.

I wish to call your attention to a white slave ring which publishes a pornographic magazine and sells it on all news stands. The name of this magazine is Playboy, the publishers are Hugh Hefner, and his business agent, Victor Lounes.

These men run a three-cornered operation. First, they operate the cock-tail lounge known as the Playboy Lounge, which is in truth a assignation house, where young women acting as waitresses are sold into the clutches of wealthy patrons, of the Playboy Lounge.

The services and entrapment of these young ladies are secured through glowing ads in the Chicago Tribune, Promising glamour and fortune to girls 18 to 23 in the entertainment world.

These young ladies are then made into waitresses in this vile night club, and are photographed in a pornographic manner, and their pictures placed in this vile magazine, called Playboy.

If you can would you investigate and expose this criminal white slave racket.

The white slaver, Hugh Hefner, was brazen and bold enough to carry a bevy of his quasi-prostitutes to the inaugural ball in Washington, where these young ladies no doubt struck up affairs with wayward public officials, and will steal information from them, and sell it to the Communist government.

I will close this letter hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours, I remain sincerely,

Wm. B. Wernecke

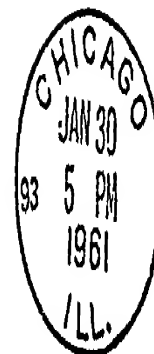
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Wm. B. Wernecke
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Agent in Charge
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January 30, 1961

Agent in Charge
F. B. I. Headquarters
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir;

Enclosed is a letter to a news paper columnist concerning a white slave ring in Chicago Illinois. I have written this same material to several United States Senators and they are quite pleased to receive the information.

I ask that you read the letter and that your office take immediate steps to investigate this white slave ring.

However, I request that you do not assign F. B. I. agent Bonner to this case as I have reason to believe he is not acting properly in white slave matters, that he acts in colution with white slavers.

I will send copies of this letter to several United States Senators.

I respectfully ask of you that you acknowledge receipt of this letter by mail.

Thanking you I remain Very truly yours,

Wm. B. Wernecke
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February 5, 1961

Agent in Charge
Chicago District
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chicago, Illinois. (C-1)

Honorable Sir: I wrote you a short while ago, informing you of a White Slave Ring, operating in Chicago and Nationwide. I asked you to take action against these criminals, and I further asked you to acknowledge my letter.

I have not received the requested reply from you, and I therefor fear you did not receive my letter.

I now ^{urgently} ask you to reply to this letter and to assure me action has been taken.

I again want to inform you of the following:

(1.) The Playboy Lounge operated by Hugh Hefner and Victor Foundes, situated on the Near North Side

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in Chicago Illinois. The Playboy Lounge in a known Prostitution House where young women are solicited nation wide and are introduced and sold into White Slavery.

(2.) The Playboy Magazine is sold nation wide and is owned by the above mentioned Hugh Hefner and Victor Lourdes. This Magazine publishes filthy pictures and literature, and advertizes the nude pictures of the young women who are solicited at the Playboy Lounge. This Magazine is a violation of the U.S. Mails obscenity laws!

I have in my possession evidence which would obtain an indictment against, Hugh Hefner, and Victor Lourdes, and the criminal Playboy Lounge and Playboy Magazine.

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However I believe it is
your business to handle
matter.

I make six copies of all
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are sent to U. S. Senators and
Church reform groups.

I again ask that F. B. I
agent M. Bonner not be
assigned to this case as I
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slavery persons.

I most respectfully ask that
you acknowledge this letter
and inform me of your
intentions to look into this
criminal matter, I remain

Very sincerely
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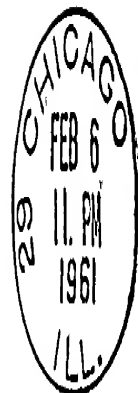
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James B. Kennedy
Rt. 1, Huntley,
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Agent in Charge
Chicago District
F. B. I.
Monroe & Wells St.
Chicago,
Illinois

February 5, 1961

Agent In Charge
Chicago District
F. B. I.
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: About three years ago I filed a charge against a man, for Violation of the Mann Act and for transportation of Stolen Property across the State Line.

It seems F. B. I. agent Mr. Bonner was assigned to the case.

I called Mr. Bonner at the F. B. I. headquarters and was intimidated by him.

Further Mr. Bonner threatened me on the phone, and mocked the pronunciation of my family name. Mr. Bonner threatened me for pressing a charge against an exconvict and a known thief.

and obstructed every effort
I made to bring information
to him regarding the case.

Mr. Bonner made many
many efforts to cause me
to drop the case, and
threatened me if I did not.

I now make formal
charges against F. B. I. Agent
Bonner for Misconduct, Obstruc-
tion of Justice, and Intimidation.

I ask you ^{that} as as A. ... Agent
in Charge of the F. B. I.
Chicago District to place
Agent Bonner before a Trial
Board of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, I will appear
and prosecute this charge
under oath.

I believe it is an outrage
that a V. S. Citizen cannot
appeal to the F. B. I. without
being harassed and threatened

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and abused by a corrupt
Agent.

Awaiting your early
reply, I remain,

Very truly yours
J. B. Kemecke
Rt. 1, Huntley,
Illinois.

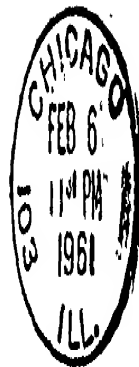
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Agent in Charge
Chicago District
F. B. I.

Monroe and Wells St.
Chicago
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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3118)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Remyairtel 1/31/61.

Attached hereto are photostats of two letters received at the Chicago Office today from WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. One of the two letters contains numerous accusations relative to alleged misconduct on the part of SA JAMES F. BONNER of the Chicago Office. The second letter refers to the sending of obscenity through the mail relative to the operations of Playboy Magazine.

Present indications are that WERNECKE will continue to send such letters to the Bureau and possibly will direct such communications outside the Bureau. As set out in referenced airtel, WERNECKE is believed to be mentally unstable and has recently been under the care of a psychiatrist for his mental condition.

SA BONNER categorically denies any misconduct on his part, any abusive or threatening language in connection with a white slave investigation wherein WERNECKE was the complainant, or any activity that could be considered to be indicative of any collusion on his part with any individual engaged in White Slave Traffic Act activities.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, two agents will contact WERNECKE and explain to him the lack of a specific violation over which the Bureau has primary investigative jurisdiction relative to his

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complaints regarding Playboy Magazine. WERNECKE will be advised that the White Slave Traffic Act violation he reported to this office was presented to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecutive opinion and the declination given by the United States Attorney's Office was in no way influenced nor was it interpreted by SA BONNER, and that such interpretations of the law are solely within the province of the United States Attorney's Office.

WERNECKE will be advised that SA BONNER is not now nor has he ever been in collusion with "White Slavers" nor was he ever abusive or threatening in his contact with WERNECKE. Every effort will be made to convince WERNECKE that this letter-writing activity should be discontinued.

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February 10, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have written twice to the Agent In Charge of the F. B. I. Chicago office. In my letter I made a Direct Charge against an F. B. I. agent named "Bonner". I charged the man with threatening me, and ordering me to withdraw a charge against an Exconvict, the charge being (Violation of the Mann Act and Transportation of Stolen Property across the State Line)

I have received no answer from the Director of The Chicago F. B. I., my letter has so far been ignored.

I now make formal charge against F. B. I. agent Bonner and I request he be given a hearing before what ever Board or group which hears and punishes F. B. I. agents for misconduct and crime.

My charge against Agent Bonner is (1) Misconduct, Obstruction of Justice, Intimidation of a Citizen. I will sign complaint against this man.

I ask that you acknowledge receipt of this formal complaint to you.

I ask you to inform me why the Chicago Director of the F. B. I. has ignored my complaint in a Contemptuous, rude, and ineffecient manner.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain.

Very truly yours

Wm B. Wernecko
Rt. 1, Huntley
Illinois

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To: SAC, Chicago (65-582)

From: Director, FBI (61-8118)

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Rebuairtel 2/16/61.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letter from Wernecke dated 2/10/61 which sets forth the same information as that contained in his letters to your office.

Wernecke's letter to the Bureau should be acknowledged at the time he is interviewed as authorized in referenced airtel.

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Date: February 16, 1961

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To: SAC, Chicago (65-582)
From: Director, FBI (61-8118)

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(CRIMINAL SECTION)

Reurairtel 2/8/61.

You are authorized to have two mature and experienced Agents contact Wernecke as suggested in reairtel and advise him that the matter he refers to does not come within the Bureau's primary investigative jurisdiction. He should also be advised that his past complaints alleging a WSTA violation were presented to the appropriate USA who declined prosecution.

In view of the nature of the allegations made by Wernecke against SA Bonner and the fact that he may continue to write letters containing such allegations to persons outside the Bureau you should immediately obtain an affidavit from SA Bonner concerning his past contacts with Wernecke.

The results of the interview with Wernecke and SA Bonner's affidavit should be forwarded to reach the Bureau by 2/22/61.

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Chicago, Illinois
February 20, 1961

I, James F. Bonner, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement, knowing same may be used against me in a court of law. I have been assigned as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Chicago Office for the past five years.

In August, 1958, I had contact with William B. Wernecke, at which time Wernecke reported that his wife and one Dadishaw Nicholas had travelled in interstate commerce for immoral purposes.

I conducted investigation relative to the purported allegations as furnished by Wernecke and presented these facts to the United States Attorney's Office relative to prosecutive opinion. I did not attempt to influence the judgment of the United States Attorney's Office relative to possible prosecution in this matter.

In my contact with William B. Wernecke I did not in any way intimidate him or attempt to intimidate him. I did not threaten him in any way nor did I mock the pronunciation of his family name.

I did not threaten Mr. Wernecke for pressing any charges against any person. I categorically deny having

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obstructed him in any way in his furnishing information to any law enforcement agency nor did I make any efforts to cause him to drop any case. I in no way harassed, threatened or abused William B. Wernecke.

I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and hereby affix my signature in that this statement is a true representation of my association and contact with William B. Wernecke.

James F. Farnsworth
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn and subscribed before me on February 21, 1961,
at Chicago, Illinois

Joseph G. Cullin
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Witness:

Harold D. Self
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

2/21/61

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReBuairtels dated 2/16/61.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of an affidavit of SA JAMES F. BONNER dated 2/21/61.

On 2/17/61, WILLIAM B. WERNECKE appeared at the Chicago Office of the FBI and was interviewed by SAs HAROLD D. SELL and JOHN F. GLENVILLE. Mr. WERNECKE was advised of the fact that determinations as to prosecution in white slave are within the provinces of the USA's Office and that the FBI acts solely as a fact finding agency and in such capacity does not influence the USA's Office relative to opinions as to whether a specific case will or will not be prosecuted. He was advised that the matter relative to "Playboy Magazine" that he had referred to this office does not come within the primary investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

In regard to Mr. WERNECKE's allegations of being threatened by SA JAMES F. BONNER, he advised that in discussing his complaint with Agent BONNER, BONNER read to him from the statutes a statute which said he could be prosecuted for furnishing false information to the FBI. In this regard, Mr. WERNECKE was advised of the fact that there is a Federal Statute, Title 18, Section 1001, which has been passed by Congress and which statute does make it a criminal offense to furnish false information to an FBI agent in regard to official business. He stated that he had no facts as to any misconduct on the part of Agent BONNER but in that he had received very unfavorable handling by the local courts in his case with NICHOLAS DADISHOU, he was of the opinion that

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he might be getting the same treatment from this office and he wanted to call it to the attention of the proper authorities. He was advised of the fact that these allegations against SA BONNER based on these opinions were a very serious matter, that the FBI was extremely concerned about allegations of misconduct on the part of their employees, and that the FBI wanted him to know that if he had such a complaint based on fact, that he should feel free to bring it to the attention of this office.

Mr. WERNECKE stated that he believed this entire matter was probably a misunderstanding between Agent BONNER and himself which grew out of a mispronunciation of his name during the initial contact. WERNECKE appeared satisfied with the entire results of the above interview.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-66) ATT'M: IDENTIFICATION
DIVISION
SUBJECT: UNSUB; Bombing of Anshe Emet
Synagogue, 2766 N. Pine Grove,
Chicago, Illinois, 1/19/61
BOMBING MATTERS

ReBuairtel to Chicago dated 3/2/61.

ReBuairtel instructed that Chicago should immediately submit the necessary information concerning individuals engaged in anti-Semitic activities in the Chicago Division or other logical suspects in order that a comparison can be made of their fingerprints with the latent fingerprints developed in the letter submitted by the Chicago Office on 2/14/61.

The following individuals having known FBI Identification Division records would fit in the above category:

CHARLES GREGORY BEDNARZ
Bufile 61-7616
CG file 106-5843
FBI # 1470874

MATTHIAS KOKEL, JR., aka.
Bufile 106-73527
CG file 106-2527
FBI Identification Record dated 11/21/53
(no number assigned) shows fingerprint
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(1 - 106-5843) (CHARLES BEDNARZ)
(1 - 106-3527) (MATTHIAS KOKEL)
(1 - 157-6) (FRANK KOSTA)

1 - 106-1152 (EUSTACE MULLINS)
1 - 106-5587 (MAYNARD NELSON)
① - 65-542 (WILLIAM VERNECKE)

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FRANK KOSTA
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FBI # 176093D

EUSTACE CLARENCE MULLINS, JR.
Bufile 105-15727
CG file 105-1152
FBI # 37407D

MAYNARD ORLANDO NELSON
Bufile 100-351528
CG file 105-5587
FBI # 4970277

WILLIAM B. WENZKE
Bufile 61-8118
CG file 65-582
FBI # 2970391.

It is requested that a comparison be made of the fingerprints of the above captioned individuals with the six latent fingerprints which were developed on the letter submitted by the Chicago Office on 2/14/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. 157-69
 FBI FILE NO. 157-317
 LATENT CASE NO. 30611

March 9, 1961

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: UNSUB.; BOMBING OF ANSHE EMET
 SYNAGOGUE, 3760 N. PINE GROVE
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 1/10/61
 BOMBING MATTERS

REFERENCE: Airtel 3-6-61
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago
 SPECIMENS:

The previously developed latent fingerprints in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of named suspects Charles Gregory Bodnarz, Matthias Koehl, Jr., Frank Kosta, Eustace Clarence Mullins, Jr., Maynard Orlando Nelson, or William D. Wernecke.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 3/27/61

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT,
CHICAGO DIVISION

This case was reopened in compliance with current Bureau instructions relative to semi-annual verification of residence and employment for persons designated as potential bombing suspects.

Residence and Employment

On 1/11/61, SAs PAUL F. X. HOLLERAN and PHILIP R. WANERUS, during the course of investigation of another matter, determined from the Postmaster, Huntley, Illinois, and from Mr. L. BARHART, Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, neighbor of the subject, that WERNECKE currently resides on his own farm, Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, and is unemployed.

Automobile Data

WERNECKE, according to BARHART, continues to own and operate a 1953, two door, Chevrolet, with a dark green top and a light green bottom.

The 1961 Illinois license issued for above described automobile is

Miscellaneous

WERNECKE has been included in the Single Fingerprint Explosive File under FBI Number 2970391.

Since verification of WERNECKE's residence and employment has been completed in accordance with existing instructions, it is recommended this case be closed and a tickler set for six months for verification at that time of subject's residence and employment.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

(65-582)

DATE: 7/5/61

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: *William B. Wernecke*
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Review of this file regarding captioned individual, a potential bombing suspect of the Chicago Division shows that subject's residence, employment, and hours of employment should be verified in compliance with current Bureau instructions regarding individuals so designated.

It is requested that automobile license numbers be checked in view of the fact that this file shows only 1959 registration.

It is additionally requested that consideration be given to subject's activities since date of last review to determine if subject's name may now be included in the Single Fingerprint Explosives File, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division.

A copy of the results of this verification and review should be disseminated to Chicago file 15762 (Control File).

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 8/31/61

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

RememoSAC from SA ROBERT J. DOLAN dated 7/5/61.

On 8/30/61 RICHARD MICHELSEN, clerk, USPO, Huntley, Ill., advised that the subject continues to reside on his farm at Route #1, Huntley and appears to be unemployed. MICHELSEN added that WERNECKE continues to drive a 1953 2-door Chevrolet, light green with a dark green top. MICHELSEN stated he will attempt to determine the license number of that automobile and advise this office.

According to records maintained by MICHELSEN, mail is received by WERNECKE at his Route #1 address directed to the following:

~~WILLIAM WERNECKE~~
~~RUTH WERNECKE~~
~~ALVIN FERRIS~~
~~HARRY CAPRIO~~
~~MICHAEL DOUGLAS~~
~~EVELYN LUNDQUIST~~
~~ARTHUR CHADWICK~~
~~ARGUS DETECTIVE AGENCY~~
~~DUNSTON DETECTIVE AGENCY~~
~~HUNTLEY SADDLE SHOP~~
~~AMERICAN HUMANE CHURCH~~
~~AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY~~

It is recommended that this case be closed and a tickler set for six months from date for re-verification of residence and employment.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 10/3/61

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

On 9/6/61, HENRY NULLE, Deputy Sheriff, Mc Henry County, Woodstock, Illinois, advised he had recently been attempting to locate the subject. As a result of this, he is of the belief that WERNECKE is no longer residing at his farm on Route 1, Huntley, but has another residence in the Huntley area. He stated that one G. W. LATHAM, Winn's Friction Proofing Supply, Incorporated, Post Office Box 1211, Aurora, Illinois, is well acquainted with the subject and possibly would be able to furnish his current residence. NULLE furnished information that WERNECKE is currently involved in a suit of an unknown nature involving HAROLD J. KAMM of Kamm & Kamm, 100 North La Salle Street, Chicago, and the National Boulevard Bank of Chicago, ET AL, in Cook County Superior Court, their number 61S5740.

NULLE made available photostat copies of three complaints made by WERNECKE concerning the theft of property from the residence on his farm, Route 1, Huntley. Same will be retained as 65-582-1a25. It will be noted that among other items listed were 38 firearms including shot guns and rifles, revolvers and automatic pistols as well as a considerable amount of ammunition, hunting knives and throwing knives. These items subsequently were recovered by Mc Henry County authorities and Chicago Police Department officers from RAYMOND ALBERTSON, 4704 North Campbell, Chicago, and returned to WERNECKE. NULLE also advised that the 1961 Illinois automobile license on WERNECKE's car is MP 4048 which is issued to the American Humane Church, Route 1, Huntley.

On the same date, RICHARD MICHELSEN, Clerk, U.S. Post Office, Huntley, advised that the subject now appears to be employed in that he has observed him to leave Huntley early in the morning attired in a police-type uniform. He stated that mail presently is received at WERNECKE's farm, Route 1, Huntley, for the following addressees:

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MICHAEL DOUGLAS
EVELYN LUNDQUIST
ARTHUR CHADWICK
Argus Detective Agency
Dunston Detective Agency
Huntley Saddle Shop
American Humane Church
American Humane Society.

WAYNE MILLER, President, State Bank of Huntley, advised on 9/6/61 he knew little concerning WERNECKE and that WERNECKE does not maintain an account at that bank. He stated that WERNECKE does appear to have dealings with the First National Bank at Dundee, Illinois and he also was aware of the fact that the subject had financial transactions with the Home State Bank, Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES MARTINES, Route 1, Huntley, neighbors of the subject, advised that WERNECKE is observed periodically at his Route 1 farm, but that people residing in the community are afraid of him as a violent individual and have little contact with him. They stated that present at all times at WERNECKE's farm is a 35 to 40 year old, dark complected male, a "Chicago hoodlum" type inasmuch as he constantly wears dark glasses and a pistol which he makes little attempt to conceal. They added that he does a great deal of shooting on WERNECKE's place. They could not identify him.

Officer JOHN SYCHOWSKI, Huntley Police Department, advised on 9/1/61 that WERNECKE is currently employed in plant protection work by the Burns Detective Agency, Chicago, and appears to live in the Huntly area, but somewhere east of town rather than on his farm on Route 1, west of Huntley. He had no further information.

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On 9/7/61, ARTHUR GLOS, Personnel, Burns Detective Agency, 221 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised that the subject has been employed by the Burns company as a guard on an extra basis from 6/18/61 to date. WERNECKE will be employed on any given date at either the Hills - Mc Canna Company plant, 400 Maple Street, Carpentersville, Illinois or at the American Can Company plant, 433 North Northwest Highway, Barrington, Illinois. He is employed under the direct supervision of Captain JOSEPH DE LUCA who is employed by the Burns Company at the Griess - Pfeleger Tanning Company, 1251 Sand Street, Waukegan, Illinois, phone MAjestic 3-8630.

In his personnel record, according to GLOS, WERNECKE stated on an application dated 6/20/61 that he has been self-employed as a farmer and real estate operator for the past 20 years, was born 1/21/07 at Chicago, resides Route 1, Huntley. He listed his wife as RUTH WERNECKE, same address, his Social Security Number as 339-36-9688 and stated he owns real estate valued at \$50,000.00, against which there is a \$10,000 mortgage held by JOHN LUCI, Huntly, Illinois. References listed were MICHAEL DOUGLAS, 226 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois (favorable) and ADA GILL, 118 6th Street, Dundee, Illinois.

It is recommended that this case be re-opened for the purpose of definitely establishing WERNECKE's residence address and to develop his employment source.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION SET OUT HEREIN CONCERNING THE LARGE NUMBER OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION IN WERNECKE'S POSSESSION, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN ANY CONTACTS MADE IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

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Date 10/31/61

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RE: **WM. B. WERNECKE**
INFORMATION CONCERNING

- ☒ For information ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

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October 22nd, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I recently read in the Elgin Courier News and excerpt from your report on Communism in which you stated " Hitler and Mussolini were against Communism, we do not judge them by what they were ~~for~~ against, but by what they were for. History will judge them by what they were for."

Hitler was against Communism, he wished to free Germany ~~against~~ from the shameful bondage put upon her by, her conquerors of the first World War. He further wished to create a mighty German empire. I respect and honor him for that; History will honor him as the greatest of men.

Mussolini wanted a great Italy, and he fought communism. History will honor him for that.

The Victor often writes the history, and it is always untrue and onesided, i hope you do not call this drivell we read in our newspapers history, or this foul nonsense, we read in our school bookes --history.

Speaking of communism and Russia, Communist Russia was created by the U.S. Hitler had the filthy communist whiped to there knees and would have wiped them off of the earth when the U. S. A. came and saved them. Instead of making peace with the noble Adolph Hitler when the Russian armies reached the Russian German Borders, the bloodthirsty murders, and revenge mad monsters who controlled the U.S. allowed the Russians to grab east Germany and half of Europe, and brought upon us the disaster which ex we face today. To satisfy there lust for revenge upon Adolph Hitler one million American men will have to die in combat with Russia. And Mr. Hoover will have the disgracfull job of rounding up the men that dont want to be drafted and sent off to thre coming slaughter. Your F.B.I. men of course will have bullet proof slacker jobs in the F.B.I. offices.

Will history remember the shameful ATOM BOMBING of Hiroshima and Nagisaci, in-which we burned the eyes oyut of and the breasts off of two hundred thousand women and children. I think so.

And the foul and indiscribable treatment we gave to Mussolini and his wife, when we opened the jails and turned loose the dirtiest communist criminals to murder Mussolini and his wife, and hang there blood drenched bodies in a public place, we hypocritically called those communist criminals PARTISANS, . No barbaric army or conquerer past or present even in the darkest periods of history has been guilty of such shameful treatment of the leader of a Conqered nation. And you Mr. Hoover were guilty of being chief policeman for that gang of filthy criminals that ruled and directed America at that time.

So mMr Hoover when you say how history will judge Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini (God rest their souls) think how history will judge us..

O, also remember that we could not make peace with Hitler because the Jews had to have revenge, and they are so terrably important.. 65-582-253

Thus ends my short statment to you, and i hope it will do you some good and cause you to think.

Best Wishes

Wm B. W ernicke
RT.1, HUNTLEY, ILLINOIS.

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65-45-49			
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 12/12/61

FROM : SA J. W. TOTT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Rememo 10/3/61.

On 11/2/61 Captain JOSEPH DE LUCA, Burns Detective Agency, Griess-Pfleger Tanning Co., 1231 Sand St., Waukegan, Ill., advised that WERNECKE is presently employed by the Burns Co., as a guard and assigned to the Techtel Corporation, a contractor at the site of construction of a power plant for the Public Service Co., of Northern Illinois, Greenwood Ave., and Lake Michigan, Waukegan. According to DE LUCA, WERNECKE's working hours are 8:00A to 5:00P, Monday through Saturday of each week. DE LUCA's records reflect that WERNECKE bears CS/A 91-14-3243 and that he is bonded by the Travelers Indemnity Co., Chicago.

On 11/29/61 DE LUCA advised he had then determined that WERNECKE presently resides at 511 E. Genesee, Waukegan, telephone MA3-9654. He presently drives a 1957-58 green over cream Ford automobile bearing 1961 Ill license 1P4078.

DE LUCA is being considered a source through which both the employment and residence of WERNECKE can be verified. He can be reached at his place of employment from 8:00A to 3:00P at telephone MA3-6630. His home phone is MA3-5227.

It is recommended that this case be closed and a tickler set for six months from date for verification of the subject's employment and residence.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: January 24, 1962

FROM : CLERK JOHN E. WHALEN

SUBJECT: ARTHUR CHADWICK;
MICHAEL DOUGLAS;
WILLIAM B. WERNECKE;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr CHARLES LELAND RILEY and his wife SHIRLEY, of Spring Creek Road, Route 4, Box 359, Rockford, Illinois, telephone number Tr 7-6886, appeared at this office on January 23, 1962. RILEY advised that he operates a farm at this address.

RILEY stated that he and his wife went to the Rockford Children's Home, Rockford, Illinois, in September 1960 and prepared to make arrangements for the adoption of a child. While the necessary papers were being completed, the Home was contacted by a man who identified himself as ARTHUR CHADWICK. CHADWICK told MR GENE MEIER, Director of the Home that he had two small children and that he would like to place them in a foster home, preferably one located in or near a farming area.

MEIER immediately contacted them, the RILEYS, and asked them if they would be interested in keeping the children. Their answer was affirmative and in the early part of November 1960, CHADWICK and a person who he identified as the Uncle of the children, a MICHAEL DOUGLAS, brought the children, a girl and a boy, to their home. CHADWICK said that these children had been staying with an Aunt of theirs in Texas and he had just returned from Texas with these children. He said that the little girl's name was TAMMY CHADWICK and the boy's name was JAY CHADWICK.

CHADWICK and MEIER had made an agreement which he CHADWICK was to pay \$120.00 per month for the keeping of the children plus any medical expenses which might be incurred. Also CHADWICK was given the right to visit the children when ever he desired to do so. CHADWICK did visit the children at the Riley home every couple weeks. On one

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occasion he took the children for a day at the home of a friend of his, a WILLIAM B. WERNECKE, who resided at Route 1, Huntley, Illinois. On another occasion he took them fishing. DOUGLAS accompanied CHADWICK on a majority of his visits and came alone on one or two occasions. Mrs RILEY said that there was only thing unusual about these visits and that was this, CHADWICK and DOUGLAS would hardly ever come to their home until after the children had been put to bed in the evenings. When they did visit they never appeared to be too interested in the children and further more the children would hardly ever appear glad to see their Father and Uncle.

In September or October 1961, MEIER posed the question of adoption to CHADWICK who said that he would have to think this over. In the latter part of November or early December, CHADWICK stated that he had thought over the adoption question, and thought this might be the best for the children, but that he would like to wait until the first of the New Year. A tentative date during the week of January 22 was arranged by Mr MEIER for both interest parties.

On the evening of January 16, 1962, CHADWICK telephonically contacted the RILEY home and said that the children's Aunt from Texas is in Chicago and that he would like to take the children to see her on the 17th if at all possible ~~before~~ before the RILEY'S adopted them. MRS RILEY said that TAMMY could go but that JAY had a cold and she did not think this would be good for him. CHADWICK said he would pick up TAMMY on the morning of the 17th and return her on that evening.

CHADWICK appeared at the RILEY home on the morning of the 17th and picked up TAMMY. He said that he would return her to the RILEY'S on the morning of the 18th, which MRS RILEY said was ok with her. On the evening of the 17th CHADWICK called Mrs RILEY and stated that TAMMY wasn't feeling too well and he was wondering if it would be all right with the RILEYS if he kept her until she was over this sickness. MRS RILEY stated that she tried to determine what was exactly wrong with TAMMY but CHADWICK just said "It's probably a cold".

During the evening of January 18th, the RILEYS received another telephone call from CHADWICK. During this conversation he asked how JAY was and could he possibly be well enough to visit his Aunt. Mrs RILEY said that she thought he was well enough and it would be all right for him to take JAY to visit the Aunt. CHADWICK stated that he would pick JAY up on the morning of January 19 and then return both of the children on the evening of January 19 since TAMMY was much better.

CHADWICK appeared at the RILEY home on the morning of the 19th and picked up JAY, saying that both children would be returned during the early part of the evening of the 19th. The RILEY'S then stated that this is the last time they heard from CHADWICK and the children, in fact they, after trying to locate CHADWICK have completely lost trace of him.

Mr RILEY advised that when the children had not been returned by Saturday, January 20, he and his wife's Uncle, who is an Alderman in the City of Rockford, contacted the Sheriff of Winnebago County. They related this story to him. MRS RILEY, in the mean time, contacted the Children's home to determine if Mr MEIER might of received any information, which he had not.

On Sunday, the 21st, RILEY and his father, went to Huntley, Illinois seeking CHADWICK through WILLIAM BE WERNECKE. Several of the people, neighbors of WERNECKE, related that WERNECKE had been in trouble with the Sheriff's Office and also several Government Agencies, namely the FBI and the Internal Revenue. Upon learning of this, they contacted the Sheriff's Office and learned that CHADWICK's description was very similar to that of WERNECKE and could quite possibly be the same person.

MR RILEY stated that there appearance at this office was to try and determine if the FBI might have any interests in CHADWICK, DOUGLAS or WERNECKE. And if this was not possible RILEY wanted to make this information available to the FBI for whatever it might be worth.

A review of the indices of this office revealed that the names, ARTHUR CHADWICK, MICHAEL DOUGLAS appeared in file 65-582, in which the subject is a WILLIAM B. WERNECKE. Agent J. TOEDT and R. DOLAN were immediately contacted and informed of the RILEY'S story. TOEDT suggested that this writer exhibit a picture of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE to the RILEYS in order to determine if they might of ever seen this man.

A photo of WILLIAM B. WERNECKE which is contained in 65-582-1A24 was exhibited to the RILEYS, who both said that this photo was one of a man they knew as ARTHUR CHADWICK. They were then told that this was a photo of WERNECKE which was taken in 1959. They then examined the photo and both Mr and Mrs RILEY very definitely stated that this was CHADWICK.

The RILEY'S were then asked if this man whom they know as CHADWICK had ever distributed any literature of a racial nature. RILEY after he had made several trips to visit the children, CHADWICK began to bring small pamphlets which contained information concerning Jewish and Negro peoples. In fact on one occasion, he brought a couple books, which he, RILEY never read, but from what he observed from the cover, were against the Jews. He said that he gave these books to MEIER and guessed he still had them. MRS RILEY commented that she had heard CHADWICK make several statements to the effect that most of the murders and kidnappings in the US were committed by JEWS and Negroes.

Mr and Mrs RILEY gave the following description of MICHAEL DOUGLAS:

Race:	cau
Sex:	male
Age:	30 yrs
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	160-70
Hair:	black
Eyes:	color not known, wears dark rimmed glasses
Complexion:	dark like an Italian
Residence:	RR, Carpentersville, Ill
Previous Residence:	226 E. Chicago, Elgin, Illinois

RILEY stated that the only other information he might be able to furnish is that CHADWICK told MEIER that he was 48 years old, but to RILEY, he was much older. Also on one of his visits, CHADWICK, said that he was married and that his wife RUTH died in April 1960; this being the reason for placing the children in a foster home. ~~See~~ Mr and Mrs RILEY stated that they actually have no legal right to the children, but that they have become so attached to the two children, they don't want anything to happen to them.

The RILEY'S were advised that from the information they had furnished, the FBI would have no investigative jurisdiction in this matter. However, since the FBI has been interested in WERNECKE, the FBI was very glad to obtain this information and that in the future, if, they should obtain any other information re he or his associates, that this office would be very glad to receive it. They were told that they should bring this information to the attention of the States Attorney in Winnebago County re the possibility of a violation of a State of Illinois law.

It is recommended that this memorandum be placed in file, CG 65-582, for information purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]
FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (RAC)

Date: 5-7-62

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Dates of Contact 3/29/62	
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1 - Milwaukee (RM)
1 - (EARL KAISER)
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1 - A [REDACTED]
1 - 157-3 (ANP)
1 - 105-9118 (MALCOLM LAMBERT)
1 - 105-3527 (MATTHIAS KOEHL)
1 - 105-9110 (JOSEPH FUHRY)
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1 - 105-11667 (DONALD MUELLER)
1 - 105-12817 (DENNIS SVEDMAN)
1 - 157-107 (MALCOLM MC GUFFEY)
1 - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
1 - 105-11404 (ARTHUR BRILL)
1 - 105-11666 (JAMES SIPTA)
1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)
1 - 105-11670 (REINHOLD NORDEN)
1 - 105-12815 (DONALD MOIR)
1 - 157-100 (CLIFFORD UTHENE)

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Chicago, Illinois
March 29, 1962

A meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party (ANP) was held at that organization's headquarters, 2124 North Damen, on Friday, March 23, 1962.

The meeting, which commenced at approximately 8:15 p.m., was attended by the following individuals:

MALCOLM LAMBERT
MATTHIAS KOEHL
KENNETH FLECK
JOSEPH FUHRY
JOHN KOLBERG
WAYNE MUELLER
DONALD MUELLER
DENNIS SVEDMAN
EARL KAISER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
MALCOLM MC GUFFEY
WILLIAM WERNECKE
ARTHUR BRILL
JAMES SIPTA
JOHN WALLACE

REINHOLD NORDEN arrived after the formal meeting was held.

The meeting was principally concerned with a swearing in ceremony into the ANP. The four individuals who took the oath of membership are MALCOLM MC GUFFEY, DENNIS SVEDMAN, WAYNE MUELLER and DONALD MUELLER.

ARTHUR BRILL and JAMES SIPTA were reportedly going to take the oath on this night but because of their recent arrest following a picketing of the State-Lake Theater, MALCOLM LAMBERT decided it would be more advisable to hold off on their formal acceptance.

MALCOLM LAMBERT announced that **DENNIS SVEDMAN** put up \$50.00, which he had borrowed from his girl friend, to a bondsman to arrange bail for **LAMBERT**, **MUELLER** and **SIPTA**. **SVEDMAN** did so with the understanding that he would be reimbursed by the Party. As a result of **KOEHL**'s announcement "the helmet" was passed around from which they received approximately \$20.00 in contributions to apply to repayment to **SVEDMAN**.

It was also announced that the Party in Chicago is delinquent in payment of their utility and rent accounts. Specifically mentioned was the rent, telephone and the electricity. A figure of approximately \$70.00 was mentioned as the amount overdue.

The formal meeting ended at approximately 8:45 p.m. without further discussion. Those present engaged in a bull session following the formal meeting and most of those present left the premises by approximately 10:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 27, 1962, a few of the individuals associated with the ANP in Chicago assembled informally at Party Headquarters, 2124 North Damen. Present were **JOSEPH FUHRY**, **MALCOLM LAMBERT**, **MATTHIAS KOEHL**, **KENNETH FLECK** and **JOHN WALLACE**. It was said that **ARTHUR BRILL** and **WAYNE MUELLER**, who currently reside in the headquarters building, were away from the premises on personal business.

This night **DONALD MOIR** was officially sworn into the ANP having satisfactorily completed his application form. **MOIR** evidently is unable to attend Friday night meetings and thus was provided the opportunity of being accepted on Tuesday. Later in the evening **CLIFFORD UTHENE** appeared with a postcard he had received containing what he called a threat.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-3)

DATE: 4-19-62

FROM: SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

On 3/30/62 there was received from PCI (RAC) [redacted]
[redacted] (code name) a typewritten report concerning a meeting
held at ANP headquarters, Chicago, 3/23/62. The statement
which is retained as A [redacted] contains the following
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1 - [redacted]
1 - 105-9118 (MAL LAMBERT)
1 - 105-3527 (MATT KOEHL)
1 - 105-11667 (DON MUELLER)
1 - 105-11500 (WAYNE MUELLER)
1 - 105- (DENNIS SVEDMAN)

1 - 105- (MAL MC GUFFEY)
① - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
1 - 105-9116 (KEN FLECK)
1 - 105-11927 (JOHN KOHLBERG)
1 - 105-11404 (ART BRILL)
1 - 105-11666 (JAMES SIPTA)
1 - 105- (FNU KAISER)
1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)
1 - 105-4630 (NSRP)
1 - 157-100 (CLIFFORD UTHENE)
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Chicago, Illinois
3/26/62

Friday evening March 23rd at 8PM a meeting was held at the ANP headquarters, 2124 N. Damen Avenue. Those present at the meeting were LAMBERT, KOEHL, the two MUELLERS, SVEDMAN, FUHRY, MC GUFFEY, WARNECKE, FLECK, ART BRILL, JOHN KOHLBERG, SIPTA, KAISER, (WALLACE came late).

The ANP oath was administered by Captain LAMBERT to DON & WAYNE MUELLER, MC GUFFEY & SVEDMAN. The swearing in of BRILL and SIPTA was postponed until after the trial. (To be on the safe side). FUHRY and FLECK had not had their application notarized so they were not sworn in. (Four more are to be sworn in next Friday, also rank is to be given.)

LAMBERT read a couple of letters he received; one was from a former U.S. Marine captain (believed named FERRIS) divulging a plan whereby those troopers getting severe wounds in action like one might get in a riot would be awarded a medal for being a casualty. Also medals would be given to those participating in a riot.

The telegram that was sent to Col. EICHMANN and the copy sent to the J.W.V. brought down the house. LAMBERT also said that it was the Jewish War Veterans who told the police the story about the guns that was to be delivered to ANP headquarters just to get even.

The other letter he told about was a crank letter he received but didn't bother to read it.

MATT KOEHL read a letter that he received from Dr. FIELDS of the NSRP asking him to please resign from his organization (KOEHL was Security Officer of the NSRP) because he, KOEHL was a source of embarrassment to the NSRP because of his association with the American Nazi Party. FIELDS was putting in the THUNDERBOLT that the reason for KOEHL's resignation was that he was devoting all of his time to the management of the Vinland Bookstore. The contents of FIELDS' letter was that he was letting himself in for a lot of grief (such as jail, smears, bodily harm etc.), that Nazism was alien to America, that it was dead and that people wouldn't buy it, that PATLER and BURROS pulled out because they were disgusted with ROCKWELL, and that things were pretty bad at Arlington.

Following this, KOEHL read in part his reply to FIELDS. He said that FIELDS was a Nazi whether he knew it or not, that they were both fighting for the same thing, that there were no short cuts to power, no nice ways to get power, that pantywaist methods were valueless and a waste of time. To make a long story short he resigned.

The third letter that LAMBERT read was one from Arlington stating that each headquarters keep a running record of all major happenings. This record is to be assigned to one trooper (a member of the party). This diary is to be a certain size and after the year is up it is to be sent to the main headquarters at Arlington for the party historian.

ART BRILL gave a short report on the picket last Thursday night. It was held in front of the State-Lake theater in protest of SAMMY DAVIS, JR. According to BRILL, they, i.e. ART BRILL, JIM SIPTA, CLIFF UTHENE, DENNIS SVEDMAN, WAYNE MUELLER were picketing for about 5 minutes when a policeman came up and told them to get off the street. Then ART BRILL said that they were not on the street. The policeman got mad, the wagon pulled up and they were told to get inside. This was a White Youth Corps picketing. LAMBERT who was just standing by observing jumped into the wagon with the boys. According to him everything was going peacefully while they were carrying signs and distributing literature. One piece of literature passed out was "Nigger, You too can be a Jew." The uniform was white shirt, black tie and black armband with the youth corps symbol in white. SIPTA and BRILL were taken to the juvenile section but the others were at the main building at 11th and State St. BRILL and SIPTA both said that the majority of the cops there preferred race-mixing.

WAYNE MUELLER gave a short report on what went on in 11th St., station. Bail was set at \$200 each on three counts. LAMBERT was also arrested. Disorderly conduct and defamation of character are the charges. SVEDMAN borrowed the bail money from a girl friend so they got out. SIPTA and BRILL's case comes up in Family Court this Friday, March 30th. The others in Boys court April 5th.

After the meeting Friday LAMBERT asked FUHRY if he

would accept the job as official recorder for the Chicago headquarters. FUHRY asked for some time to think it over.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (157-3)

FROM: SA JOHN W. TOEDT

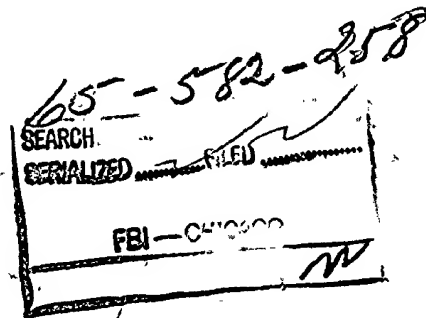
SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4-19-62

On 3/22/62 oral information was received from PCI
(RAC) [redacted] (code name) concerning a meeting of
ANP members 3/16/62. The information which was reduced to
writing, was authenticated by the source on 4/17/62 and is
retained as A [redacted]. Info reported is as follows:

1 - A [redacted]
1 - 105-9118 (MAL LAMBERT)
1 - 105-3527 (MATT KOEHL)
1 - 105-11500 (WAYNE MUELLER)
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1 - 105-11927 (JOHN KOLBERG)
1 - 105- (JOE BANCHAK)
1 - 157-100 (CLIFFORD UTHENE)
1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)

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Chicago, Illinois
3/22/62

On Friday night, 3/16/62 a meeting of the American Nazi Party was held at ANP headquarters, 2124 N. Damen Ave., Chicago. Present were:

MALCOLM LAMBERT
MATT KOEHL
JOE FUHRY
WAYNE MUELLER
DON MUELLER
JAMES SIPTA
DENNIS SVEDMAN, age approximately 25, a friend of
CLIFFORD UTHENE
WILLIAM WERNECKE
MC GUFFEY, first name unknown
KEN FLECK
ART BRILL
JOHN KOLBERG
JOE BANCHAK

CLIFF UTHENE and JOHN WALLACE came late. WERNECKE came with MC GUFFEY. During the evening WERNECKE told of having shielded a German saboteur during World War II and that he had received a jail sentence for doing it.

LAMBERT again spent the time of the meeting stressing differences between the ANP and other organizations. He told those present to make no mistake but to understand that the organization is out to obtain power but that the power will be gotten legally. He then gave further instruction on national socialism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: (RAC)

Date: 4-30-62

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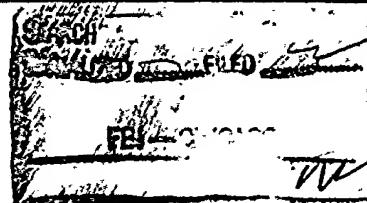
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1 - 105-11404 (ARTHUR BRILL)
1 - 157-107 (MALCOLM MC GUFFEY)
① - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)

Chicago, Illinois
April 5, 1962

A meeting of the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party (ANP) was held on April 5, 1962, at that organization's headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue. Present at the meeting were the following:

MALCOLM LAMBERT
MATTHIAS KOEHL
KENNETH FLECK
JOSEPH FUHRY
CLIFFORD UTHENE
WAYNE MUELLER
DONALD MUELLER
JAMES SIPTA
ARTHUR BRILL
MALCOLM MC GUFFEY
WILLIAM WERNECKE
JOHN WALLACE
JOHN KOLBERG

The formal meeting commenced at approximately 8:15 p.m. and terminated about 9:00 p.m. MALCOLM LAMBERT presided. The principal business of the evening was the formal acceptance or swearing in of JOHN WALLACE, KENNETH FLECK, JOSEPH FUHRY and CLIFFORD UTHENE.

Following the formal meeting a dinner of fish, chips and beer was served for which a donation was asked. In this regard it was announced that the dinner was principally held to pay for the delinquent phone bill of approximately \$42.00.

During the course of the evening LAMBERT related an incident concerning the Party's group in Los Angeles, California. He mentioned that LEONARD HOLSTEIN and three other "Nazis", whom he did not identify, were concerned in a free-for-all fight with twelve "winos". According to LAMBERT, the Nazis succeeded in subduing the "winos" who were arrested.

JOHN WALLACE was compelled to leave before the dinner because of other commitments. No special business was undertaken this evening and a bull session followed the dinner.

Rent for the headquarters building has now been raised to \$175.00 per month. This is an increase of \$25.00 a month.

Headquarters has been assigned a new telephone number, CA 7-6347.

Following formal acceptance into the ANP, each of those so accepted are assigned a Party identification or membership card. Each of these cards bears a C #, which represents the card # for the Chicago Branch. To date the following individuals have been assigned noted card numbers:

MALCOLM LAMBERT
#C-1

MATTHIAS KOEHL
#C-2

KENNETH FLECK
#C-3

JOSEPH GUHRY
#C-4

Though it has not been officially announced, the order of leadership is apparent in the Chicago unit. Since the card numbers are not necessarily assigned on the basis of seniority in the organization, it would appear from the numbers assigned the above four individuals that following LAMBERT and KOEHL, KENNETH FLECK and JOSEPH GUHRY are the next in line of authority.

April 5, 1962
Chicago, Illinois

On Tuesday, April 3, 1962, a group of the associates of the American Nazi Party (ANP) in Chicago met at the organization's headquarters, 2124 North Damen. No formal meeting was held. Present during the course of the evening were MALCOLM LAMBERT, MATT KOEHL, KEN FLECK, JOSEPH FUHRY, MALCOLM MC GUFFEY, WILLIAM WERNECKE, DENNIS SVEDMAN, WAYNE MUELLER and DEAN LUCKEY.

WERNECKE and MC GUFFEY spent the bulk of their time at headquarters in a bull session with MATT KOEHL. MC GUFFEY, it is said, called ART BRILL's mother advising her on BRILL's case. What was specifically said is not known.

DEAN LUCKEY appeared at the headquarters with his "Jew" friend. The friend has no connection with the Party in Chicago. LUCKEY is currently working parking cars at the O'Hare Field Parking Lot.

DENNIS SVEDMAN appeared and announced that he had been arrested that day on an assault charge. According to SVEDMAN, he was en route on foot to headquarters when he overheard a Negro man across the street from him make a reference to "Nazi". SVEDMAN claims he retorted with something like "we'll burn you" and continued on his way. Shortly thereafter police appeared at headquarters and placed SVEDMAN under arrest apparently on the complaint filed by the Negro man charging assault. SVEDMAN claimed he was out on \$100.00 bond.

KEN FLECK and JOE FUHRY left at approximately 9:45 p.m. in that FUHRY had some personal commitments to attend to.

It is noted that the .45 Caliber pistol taken from MUELLER at the time of the recent arrest is the property of JOHN WALLACE. It is a Remington Rand, Serial Number NO2020685. Apparently WALLACE has loaned the organization the use of the pistol.

There are no plans at present for a demonstration by the organization. In view of the several recent arrests of that group's members, it is felt that it would be wise to hold off on plans for the timebeing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (157-3)
FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT
SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

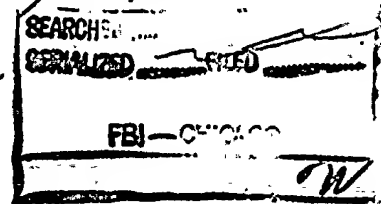
DATE: *MAY 10, 1962*

On 4/17/62, there was received from PCI (RAC) [redacted] (code name) a written report dated 4/17/62, concerning a meeting of the American Nazi Party (ANP) held 3/30/62, at Chicago. This report is retained as A [redacted] and is as follows:

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- 1 - 157-117 (FAN)
- 1 - 105-9118 (MAL LAMBERT)
- 1 - 105-3527 (MATT KOEHL)
- 1 - 105-9116 (KEN FLECK)
- 1 - 105-11667 (DON MUELLER)
- 1 - 105-11500 (WAYNE MUELLER)
- 1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)
- 1 - 105-11927 (JOHN KOLBERG)
- ① - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
- 1 - 157-107 (MALCOLM MC GUFFEY)
- 1 - 105-11404 (ART BRILL)
- 1 - 105- (WHITE YOUTH CORPS)
- 1 - 157-100 (CLIFF UTHENE)

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Chicago, Illinois
April 17, 1962

On March 30, 1962, at American Nazi Party (ANP) Headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, a meeting of ANP and Fighting American Nationalists (FAN) members was held, with MALCOLM LAMBERT in charge.

Present were:

MAL LAMBERT
MATT KOEHL
KEN FLECK
JOE FUHRY
DON MUELLER
WAYNE MUELLER
JOHN WALLACE
JOHN KOLBERG
WILLIAM WERNECKE
MALCOLM MC GUFFEY
ART BRILL
JIM SIPTA

The evening was spent with MALCOLM LAMBERT telling about legal troubles of ART BRILL and the MUELLERS in connection with their arrests at the White Youth Corps demonstration at the State-Lake Theater.

On this occasion JOE FUHRY, KEN FLECK, CLIFF UTHENE and JOHN WALLACE were sworn in as members of the ANP by MALCOLM LAMBERT.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DATE 02-16-2011 BY 60324 UCBAW/SAB/SBS

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 5/29/62

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Remymemo 12/12/61.

Review of file reflects Subjects residence and employment was last verified in 11/61. In accordance with current Bureau instructions, it is recommended that the case be reopened for the purpose of establishing same.

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TO : SAC (157-3)

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

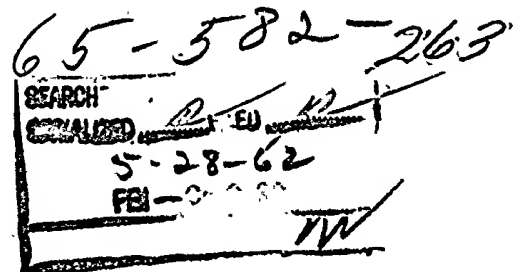
DATE: MAY 28, 1962

On 5/16/62, PCI(RAC) [redacted] (code name) orally furnished information concerning a meeting of the ANP held 5/11/62, at Chicago. This information was reduced to written form and authenticated by the PCI on the same date. The written report, which is retained as A) [redacted] is as follows:

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- 1 - 105-11667 (DON MUELLER)
- 1 - 105-12296 (JOHN WALLACE)
- 1 - 105-9116 (KEN FLECK)
- 1 - 157-107 (MALCOLM MC GUFFEY)
- 1 - 105- (ADOLPH KENENE)
- 1 - 105- (FNU MENDE)
- 1 - 105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS)
- 1 - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
- 1 - 105- (JOSEPH BOHALSKI)

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"Chicago, Illinois
May 16, 1962

"On 5/11/62 a meeting of the American Nazi Party was held at ANP headquarters, 2124 N. Damen Ave., Chicago. Present were:

MAL LAMBERT
MATT KOEHL
WAYNE MUELLER
DON MUELLER
JOHN WALLACE
KEN FLECK
JOE FUHRY
MAL MC GUFFEY
ADOLPH KENENE
one MENDE
JOE BEAUHARNAIS

"LAMBERT presided at the meeting and read a report concerning ANP activity in Los Angeles, California. He had received the report from a member in the Los Angeles group. He also reported the LA group is presently attempting to borrow money in order to purchase a building for a headquarters.

"LAMBERT also remarked that a good opportunity presented itself for the ANP to picket President JOHN KENNEDY during a scheduled visit soon to Milwaukee but that it had been decided they would pass up the opportunity and do nothing until after the trial of he and WAYNE MUELLER scheduled for 5/15/62.

"JOE FUHRY reported that he and KEN FLECK had gone to Gabby Harthett's range in Lincolnwood, Ill. and engaged in target practice with pistols. MATT KOEHL stated he thought this was real good and that he planned to have others go later on in the month and that they will then engage in friendly competition. He also stated he had contacted a judo expert to afford training to members and that he would take 12 in a class. KOEHL will arrange for those interested to attend.

"BEAUHARNAIS spent most of the evening on the telephone and tried to interrupt the meeting by starting to read a letter he had received from someone concerning ANP

activities in California. BEAUHARNAIS also told of having jotted down the license number of an automobile which followed around behind GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL when he appeared at the College of Complexes in November, 1960. He stated that through a friend in the Chicago Police Department he had determined that the car was registered to one HORVATH whose residence was Ainslee Ave., Chicago. He was of the opinion HORVATH was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and he had informed ROCKWELL.

At the close of the meeting WILLIAM WERNECKE appeared at the ANP headquarters. MALCOLM MC GUFFEY had informed that he was coming. BEAUHARNAIS was very critical of WERNECKE as an informant, that he was responsible for the apprehension of one of the German saboteurs during World War II, etc. When WERNECKE appeared BEAUHARNAIS immediately made a lunge at him and they engaged in fisticuffs on the floor. After a few minutes others present separated them and after additional argument between them, both left separately. WERNECKE was sore at the ANP for allowing such to happen, knowing he was coming to headquarters that evening.

"After this a white stag dinner was held, with all above present except WERNECKE and BEAUHARNAIS.

"While at ANP headquarters BEAUHARNAIS suggested ANP members go down to Clark St. and watch for interracial (Negro and white) couples, beat up the male and paint the face of the woman. MATT KOEHL stated the ANP would have no part of such activity.

At the above meeting MALCOLM LAMBERT told of a new Nazi group which JOE BOHALSKI was forming. He made fun of the group and didn't think the organization would last any time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO (137-3513)

DATE: JUN 12 1962

FROM : SA

ROBERT J. DOLAN

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SUBJECT:

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1 - 105-11666 (JAMES SIPTA)
1 - 105-11404 (ARTHUR BRILL)
1 - 105-11927 (JOHN KOLBERG)

May 10, 1962
Chicago, Illinois

On Thursday, May 10, 1962, the regular monthly "White Stag" was held following the business meeting of the American Nazi Party at its headquarters, 2124 North Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Present were:

MALCOLM LAMBERT
MATTHIAS KOEHL
DONALD MUELLER
WAYNE MUELLER
JOE BEAUHARNIS
KEN FLECK
JOE FUHRY
JOHN WALLACE
MALCOLM MC GUFFEY
DONALD KERNENE

WILLIAM WERNECKE appeared later in the evening.

During the course of the evening as noted WILLIAM WERNECKE appeared and as he did so JOE BEAUHARNIS approached him suddenly and struck him full in the face. Both commenced swearing and struggling with each other and fell to the floor. Others separated them. BEAUHARNIS left following the altercation and later WERNECKE departed. It was not readily known what brought about the fight other than the fact that "bad blood" exists between WERNECKE and BEAUHARNIS. Apparently no serious injuries resulted from the fight although WERNECKE was noticed to have badly skinned hands. Someone commented that BEAUHARNIS just before the fight had been openly denouncing WERNECKE and it was at that approximate time that WERNECKE did appear at the headquarters.

Certain of the membership have given thought to visiting a rifle range and practicing with firearms in the near future. It is believed it would be a worthwhile suggestion if certain of the membership did this on a monthly basis.

MATT KOEHL during the course of the evening mentioned to those present that JAMES SIPTA and ARTHUR BRILL had been turned over to the Illinois Youth Commission at Joliet, Illinois, and are expected to be held by that organization for approximately one month.

What will happen to them following that period is not known at this time.

No new plans have been made by the Chicago organization and it appears that certain of the membership are losing interest in the activities of that group. JOHN KOLBERG, it is said, is dropping out of the organization and at the present time no reason for this is known.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

CHICAGO

DATE: JUN 2 1 1962

FROM : SA

ROBERT J. DOLAN

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SUBJECT:

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1 - 157-131 (THE NAZI PARTY)
1 - 105- (CALVIN MENDE)

Chicago, Illinois
May 31, 1962

On May 17, 1962, the following individuals met at American Nazi Party (ANP) Headquarters, 2124 North Damen, Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH FUHR
KEN FLECK
WAYNE MUELLER
DONALD MUELLER
MATT KOEHL
REINHOLD NORDEN

MALCOLM LAMBERT was not present at this meeting. Although it was a regular meeting night, the group present spent their time preparing the announcements of the opening of the Vinland Book Store scheduled for May 24, 1962.

It was learned that during the course of the evening MATT KOEHL appealed to KEN FLECK for financial assistance since MATT is not presently employed. It is believed that he was only successful in getting \$5.00 from FLECK.

It was also learned that WILLIAM WERNECKE has signed a complaint for JOSEPH BEAUHARNIAS charging BEAUHARNIAS with assault. In connection with this it was learned that police had visited the ANP Headquarters.

No plans are being made at this time for future activity for the ANP. No information has been put out to the membership regarding the once talked of national convention to be held in Chicago nor has anything been said concerning a visit of Commander ROCKWELL to the Chicago area.

It was learned that the individuals concerned in the formation of the new Nazi party in Chicago have openly shown their dissatisfaction with the new organization and have indicated complete boredom. MALCOLM LAMBERT and MATTHIAS KOEHL are known to regard this organization very lightly and feel confident it will not succeed.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 7/31/62

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

On 7/13/62, Captain JOSEPH DE LUCA, Burns Detective Agency, in charge of guard force assigned to Griess-Pfleger Tanning Company, 1251 Sand Street, Waukegan, Illinois, advised that captioned individual, previously employed as a guard at that plant, has been discharged for non-performance of duties. Exact date of discharge was not readily available to Captain DE LUCA, however, he advised it occurred in recent months. Captain DE LUCA also advised that an incident involving WERNECKE was also considered in connection with his discharge from employment at that plant. He stated that on one occasion WERNECKE placed grease on the stairs at the plant and claimed that he had fallen and injured himself. He was immediately taken to a hospital for examination where it was determined that no injuries had been sustained. Subsequently, Captain DE LUCA advised it was ascertained that the claim made by WERNECKE was in fact false.

Current Residence and Employment

DE LUCA stated that WERNECKE currently resides at his farm, Rural Route 1, Huntley, Illinois, and is unemployed.

Current Description of Automobile

No change.

In view of the fact that the current residence and employment of captioned individual, a bombing suspect of this division has been ascertained, it is recommended this matter be placed in a closed status and a tickler be set for 6 months for reverification at that time.

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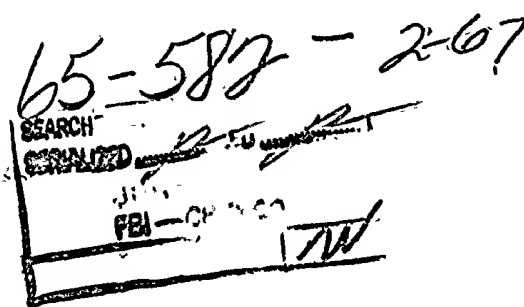
DATE: 7-6-62

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS

On 6/7/62 [] PCI(RAC) orally furnished information concerning a meeting of the American Nazi Party held 5/24/62. This information was reduced to written form, authenticated by the informant 6/13/62, is retained as A [] and is as follows:

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1 - 105-3527 (MATT KOEHL)
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1 - 105- (CAL MENDE)
1 - 105-12832 (DONALD KERNENE)
1 - 157-19 (LYRL CLARK VAN HYNNING)
① - 65-582 (WILLIAM WERNECKE)
1 - 105-1709 (JOSEPH BEAUHARNAIS)

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Chicago, Illinois
June 7, 1962

On Thursday evening, May 24, 1962, a meeting of members of the American Nazi Party was held at ANP headquarters, Chicago.

Present were:

MATT KOEHL
MAL LAMBERT
JOHN WALLACE
KEN FLECK
JOE FUHRY
WAYNE MUELLER
DON MUELLER
MAL MC GUFFEY
CAL MENDE
DON KERNENE

MATT KOEHL gave a report on progress of the book store. He stated that things are shaping up and that the store will open for business to the public Saturday, 5/26/62. Hours will be roughly from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. MATT will operate it. He pointed out that because a certain amount of the merchandise was obtained from the "Women's Voice", a percentage of the profit in the operation will go to Mrs. VAN HYNNING.

LAMBERT reported that as a result of the fight between WILLIAM WERNECKE and JOE BEAUHARNAIS at ANP headquarters a few days earlier, WERNECKE swore out an assault warrant against BEAUHARNAIS. Shakespeare district police are attempting to locate BEAUHARNAIS and have contacted KOEHL regarding his whereabouts. MATT stated he has had telephonic contact with BEAUHARNAIS but doesn't know where he is and that he apparently is hiding out somewhere. KOEHL stated he intended to be truthful with the police but would really prefer helping BEAUHARNAIS over helping WERNECKE.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: August 28, 1962

FROM : SA CURTIS A. HESTER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE;
RACIAL MATTERS

On August 17, 1962, Mr. DADISHOU NICHOLAS, Owner, Diversely Realty Company, 5408 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on about July 14, 1962, while dining at the Omar Khayan Restaurant, 5700 North Lincoln, Chicago, the subject, who had been sitting at a nearby table, let out a fiendish yell and came at him with a knife. Mr. NICHOLAS stated that he had barely enough time to grab a chair, place it between WERNECKE and himself, and thereby prevented injury. He pointed out that he was with a doctor at the time and after the bartender, manager, and doctor restrained WERNECKE, he and the doctor left the restaurant. Mr. NICHOLAS stated that he subsequently went to the States Attorney's office and filed a complaint against WERNECKE for malicious assault. He was told by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN DEVINE that a summons would be sent to WERNECKE ordering his appearance in State Court on August 15, 1962, and he presumes that the State Attorney's office will issue a warrant for WERNECKE's arrest because subject did not appear. Mr. NICHOLAS added that he wished to furnish this information to the FBI, inasmuch as he knows that WERNECKE has, in the past, been the subject of FBI inquiries.

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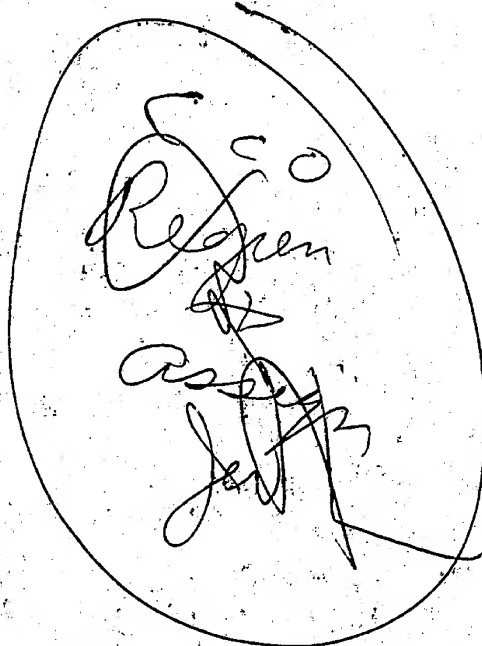
DATE: 12/18/62

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Review of this file reflects that Subject's residence and employment were last verified in July, 1962. In accordance with current Bureau instructions, it is recommended that this case be reopened for the purpose of establishing same.

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DATE: 2/27/63

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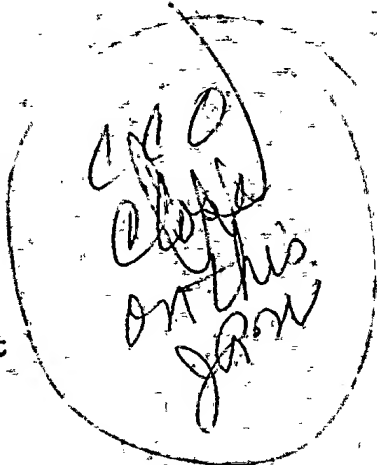
SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

On this date contact was had telephonically with MRS. JAMES MARTINES, Route 1, Huntley, Ill., a neighbor of the subject who is considered as a neighborhood source. Mrs. Martines stated that WERNECKE continues to reside on his farm next door to her on Route 1, Huntley. She also stated that he does not appear to be employed at the present time. MRS. MARTINES also stated that she is not aware of WERNECKE's 1963 Illinois automobile license but that she will make a point of determining it and advise this office.

It is recommended that WERNECKE be retained on the bombing suspect list of this office because of his past activities of that nature.

It is further recommended that this case be closed with a tickler set for six months from date to again verify subject's residence and employment. When his current automobile license is determined it will be recorded in this file.

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TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 3/15/63

FROM : J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
Potential Bombing Suspect

This will record that on 3/13/63 MRS. JAMES MARTINES, Route 1, Huntley, Ill., telephonically advised that she had recently learned that the subject has established a residence somewhere in Chicago and is also now employed in Chicago. She stated she has not observed him at his farm in Huntley for approximately 10 days and he apparently is no longer residing there.

On 3/13/63 CECIL JARRELL, 4619 N. Broadway, Chicago advised he knew of WERNECKE to visit his landlady, Mrs. NANCY LUTZ at that address on occasion and he was of the belief WERNECKE had recently taken up residence somewhere in that neighborhood and was employed close by. He added that he did not know exactly where WERNECKE lived or was employed and that MRS. LUTZ was out of town but would return on 3/14/63.

On 3/14/63 MRS. NANCY LUTZ advised that WERNECKE presently resides at the Alden Hotel, 4526 N. Sheridan Rd., and is employed as a salesman by Paramount Enterprises, Inc., a floor covering concern located at 4704 N. Sheridan. She stated he has no automobile at present.

On the same date MRS. F. VAVRINEK, manager, Alden Hotel, 4526 N. Sheridan, confirmed that WERNECKE presently resides in room 618 at that hotel and is employed as a salesman by Paramount Enterprises, Inc., 4704 N. Sheridan.

MRS. VAVRINEK is being considered as a neighborhood source concerning WERNECKE. Her telephone # is LO1-0600.

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March 12, 1963

SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

MALCOLM HOMER MC GUFFEY
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

On March 6, 1963, Lieutenant WALTER VALLEE, IID, Chicago Police Department, advised SA ROBERT J. DOLAN that he had recently received a letter from PATRICIA MC GUFFEY, former wife of captioned individual. VALLEE stated that for the information of this office he wished to advise that PATRICIA MC GUFFEY is currently residing in Apartment 205, 1055 Lucknow, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lieutenant VALLEE stated that she has her two children with her, and she is employed in a beauty shop in that city. VALLEE stated he understands the shop is owned by PATRICIA's mother.

Lieutenant VALLEE stated that a former detective of the Chicago Police Department, who was employed under VALLEE's supervision, has recently retired from the force and is now occupied as Chief of Police at Huntley, Illinois. Lieutenant VALLEE identified this individual as RAYMOND BURTON, whom VALLEE described as a highly qualified police officer and who would offer every cooperation to the FBI whenever possible.

The above is noted for the information of this designated file since MC GUFFEY has in the past resided on the farm of WILLIAM WERNECKE at Huntley, Illinois, and since both MC GUFFEY and WERNECKE are potential bombing suspects of this division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: August 2, 1963

On July 10, 1963, the writer had contact with [redacted] former source of information, who stated that the subject presently resides at the Alden Hotel, 4526 North Sheridan Road, Chicago. She stated that it is her understanding that WERNECKE, when under arrest for assault some months ago, mortgaged his farm and other property in order to raise bail. She stated that this money was raised from the syndicate in Chicago and inasmuch as he forfeited his bond, lost all of his real estate to the mortgager. She had no further information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-532)

DATE: 3/28/63

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Review of this file reflects that Subject's residence and employment were last verified in March, 1963. In accordance with current Bureau instructions, it is recommended that this case be reopened for the purpose of establishing same.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

FROM : SUPERVISOR JULIAN R. WALTERS

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT,
CHICAGO DIVISION

DATE: 10/10/63

Captioned individual is designated as a potential bombing suspect of this division. Cases concerning those so designated are currently being reviewed for purposes of verifying residence, employment, hours of employment, automobile description as well as to make an up to date determination regarding the retention of the subject on the potential bombing suspect list of this office. Captioned subject is being assigned to you for the above described purposes. In addition whenever in the future it becomes necessary to verify the whereabouts of this individual, such verification will be your responsibility. An alternate agent should be designated to handle required investigation in your absence and/or to assist you where necessary.

It is requested that the files regarding the subject be fully reviewed and an up to date search of the indices be made. Where current background information is not available, such background should be developed as quickly as possible. This background information should include suspect's residence, place of employment, hours of employment, description of automobile and license number, photograph, handwriting specimen and suspect's identification record. A reliable neighborhood source should be developed and should be known to you and to the alternate agent assigned. If it is indicated that the suspect may personally handle explosives his identity should be furnished to the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, and it should be requested that he be listed in the single fingerprint explosives file.

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Upon completion of the above review the results of this investigation should be set forth by memorandum to this file. Where it is determined that the suspect's activities no longer warrant his retention on the list of potential bombing suspects of this office, a communication should be directed to the Bureau deleting him from such designation. Where subject has been previously listed in the single fingerprint explosives file, appropriate notification should be made to the Identification Division regarding his deletion.

In cases where subject will be retained on this list above described memorandum should report the results of required investigation and should identify the alternate agent who will assume the responsibility regarding the suspect in your absence.

It is not necessary to maintain this file in a pending status; however, upon completion an appropriate tickler should be set to insure that place of residence and employment, as well as description of suspect's automobile will be verified each six months.

A potential bombing suspect control file will be opened on the basis of this memorandum so that appropriate control may be had regarding additions to and deletions from this list. It is requested that a copy of your closing memorandum be designated for this control file. (157-245)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 10/30/63

FROM : J. W. TOLDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
Potential Bombing Suspect

Re: SAC by SA J. R. WALTERS 10/10/63.

On 10/16/63 Mrs. F. VAVRINEK, manager, Alden Hotel, 4526 N. Sheridan, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE continues to reside by himself in room 618 of that hotel. She also stated that he continues to be employed as a salesman by Paramount Enterprises, Inc., 4704 N. Sheridan, a floor covering concern. She also informed that WERNECKE does not presently own an automobile.

On 10/29/63 Lt. WALTER VALLEE, Area 5 Robbery, CPD, 2138 N. California Ave., advised he was aware of the fact that WERNECKE is employed as above and stated that Paramount Enterprises, Inc., has for some time been a hangout for known burglars and stick-up men.

It will be noted that all pertinent background information concerning WERNECKE has previously been developed and recorded in this file. In view of his past experience and activity in regard to the use of explosives, it is recommended that he be retained on the potential bombing suspect list of this office. SA P. A. WANERUS is being designated as alternate agent for this subject. Arrangements will be made for SA WANERUS to personally observe him. It is recommended that this case be closed and a tickler set for six months from date for re-opening of this case to establish the subject's residence and employment at that time.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 12/2/63

FROM : SA JOHN W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs ROBERT J. DOLAN and JOHN W. TOEDT:

On 11/22/63 Mrs. VAVRINEK, Manager, Alden Hotel, 4526 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE continues to reside at that hotel and that she had observed him as recently as 11/21/63. She stated that he is visited occasionally by one MICHAEL DOUGLAS whom she believes he works with.

On the same date AUDREY ROTHMAN, Manager, Paramount Enterprises, 4704 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, advised WERNECKE and his partner, MALCOLM MC GUFFEY, are self-employed as floor covering salesmen who purchase their merchandise through her. She stated she had last seen WERNECKE on the morning of 11/21/63 and MC GUFFEY on the morning of 11/22/63. She stated that they were presently employed somewhere on the south side of Chicago. ROTHMAN also informed that MC GUFFEY recently formed a concern he calls M. Douglas and Company, but that she did not know the purpose of this company. She stated that he presently resides at the Monterey Hotel, Chicago, and that WERNECKE resides at the Alden Hotel, Chicago. ROTHMAN was also questioned concerning GEORGE C. CULVER but stated she did not know CULVER and could furnish no information concerning him.

At approximately 7:00 PM, 11/22/63, WERNECKE was observed on the street in the vicinity of the Alden Hotel. He was interviewed on that occasion concerning GEORGE C. CULVER and advised he was not acquainted with that individual and could furnish no information concerning him.

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(Assassination of President KENNEDY)
(MALCOLM MC GUFFEY)
(GEORGE C. CULVER)

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Concerning himself, he stated that he and MALCOLM MC GUFFEY had spent that day together working on a floor covering project on the south side of Chicago.

Chicago, Illinois
January 6, 1964

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

Wernecke resides at Room 618, Alden Hotel, 4526 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, and is employed as a salesman by Paramount Enterprises, Incorporated, 4704 North Sheridan Road.

He is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Birth data	January 21, 1907 Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Stocky

Photograph attached.

Prior to World War II, Wernecke was a leader in affairs of the German-American Bund at Chicago and a friend and associate of Herbert Hans Haupt who was executed in the United States during World War II as a German saboteur. In 1943, Wernecke was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 for violation of the Selective Service Act in making false statements on his Selective Service Questionnaire. On December 24, 1945, he received a Presidential Pardon.

He is considered to be an unstable individual who has been under the care of a psychiatrist for several years.

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Re: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE

He has in the past possessed a quantity of dynamite and other explosive materials, firearms and ammunitions and has had extensive experience in setting explosives. He has instructed others in the use of explosives and is described as capable of inciting others to violence.

Wernecke has a long history of anti-Semitic sentiments and association with such groups and has bragged of taking part in bombing a Chicago department store and tombstones in Jewish cemeteries.

In 1959, in Chicago, he was convicted of conspiracy to commit assault with intent to kill a former business associate and was sentenced to one to five years. This conviction was reversed by the Illinois Appeals Court in 1960.

Wernecke has made a variety of allegations against numerous persons, including personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605
January 6, 1934

Mr. Maurice Martineau
Supervising Agent
U.S. Secret Service
Post Office Box 1077
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: William Bernard Wernecke

Dear Mr. Martineau:

Submitted herewith for your information are two copies of a memorandum concerning William Bernard Wernecke whose background indicates he may possibly constitute a threat against the life of the President should an opportunity present itself.

Very truly yours,



H.W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 5/14/64

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

WERNECKE's residence and employment were last verified in November, 1963.

It is recommended that this case be re-opened for the purpose of establishing his current residence and employment and to evaluate his status as a potential bombing suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)

DATE: 6/15/64

FROM : SA J. W. TOEDT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
Potential Bombing Suspect

Re mem. SAC 5/14/64.

On 6/15/64 Mrs. F. VAVRINEK, manager, Alden Hotel, 4526 N. Sheridan, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE continues to occupy Room 618 at that hotel.

On the same date AUDREY ROTHMAN, manager, Paramount Enterprises, 4704 N. Sheridan, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE continues to be self-employed selling floor coverings and also does odd jobs around the Leland apartment building, 934 W. Leland Ave. She added that he presently is attempting to obtain the job as manager of the Leland building. She stated that he does not presently own an automobile.

In view of WERNECKE's past activities it is recommended that he be retained as a potential bombing suspect and that a tickler be set for six months from date for verification of his residence and employment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-582)
SA J. W. TOEDT

FROM : WILLIAM B. WERNECKE
Potential Bombing Suspect

SUBJECT:

DATE: 10/5/64

On this date Mrs. F. VAVRINEK, telephone 334-3652, a resident of the Alden Hotel, 4526 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, advised that WERNECKE continues to reside at that hotel. She stated that he recently received treatment at the Veterans Hospital but was released approximately 1 month ago and returned to the Alden Hotel. She was of the opinion that the subject is not now employed. She stated she is no longer employed at that hotel and that the present manager is Mrs. HELEN STRICK, telephone LO1-1117.

JACK NADLER, acting manager, Paramount Linoleum Mart, Inc., 4704 N. Sheridan, telephone LO1-7728, advised 10/5/64 that WERNECKE was released from the Veterans Hospital approximately 1 month ago after confinement of several weeks and that he has been unemployed since his release. He stated Wernecke continues to reside at the Alden Hotel.

Above information being furnished to Secret Service for information.

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Chicago, Illinois
October 5, 1964

WILLIAM DENARD WERNICKE

Reference is made to memorandum dated January 6, 1964 at Chicago, Illinois, entitled as above.

Wernicke presently resides at the Alden Hotel, 4523 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, and is unemployed.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

DATE: 4/16/65

FROM : SA GARRETT M. DUEL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, aka
Potential Bomb Suspect

On 4/16/65, the writer interviewed Lt. LARRY SCHEY, Morton Grove PD, Morton Grove, Ill., who personally appeared at the Chicago Office to inquire concerning captioned subject.

Lt. SCHEY explained that he is working on an unsolved homicide involving a minor girl who was found murdered in a forest preserve in Morton Grove in May, 1964. The name of subject had come up in the course of the investigation as a possible suspect in this case. Lt. SCHEY advised that he had just determined that WERNECKE had recently died and he was merely seeking background information on WERNECKE, having learned that the FBI has had an interest in subject in the past.

Lt. SCHEY informed the writer that he had been advised by a Mr. J.G. SHALDA, Veterans Adm. Hospital, 333 E. Huron, Chicago, that WERNECKE had died at said hospital on 3/28/65.

The above information re the death of subject is being submitted for information inasmuch as subject has been carried as a Potential Bomb Suspect of the Chicago Office.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)
(Attn: SA JOHN W. TOEDT)

FROM : SA CURTIS A. HESTER

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
ESPIONAGE

DATE: 4-30-65

On April 20, 1965, KENNETH CHAMBERLAIN, Chief of Police, Skokie, Illinois, furnished the writer with a copy of fingerprints of one JOHN MILLER, 4526 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, which appeared on an application for a chauffeur's license that MILLER had attempted to obtain on April 10, 1963, in order to be eligible to drive a taxi for the Skokie Red Top Cab Company, 8300 Christiana, Skokie, Illinois. These prints had been sent to the Identification Division of the FBI and had been returned with a stamp on the back stating "no arrest record, April 16, 1963". Chief CHAMBERLAIN stated that he felt certain that JOHN MILLER is actually WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE, who had recently died in the VA Hospital, 333 East Huron, Chicago. He pointed out that apparently the Identification Division had missed these prints during their search and felt sure that the FBI would have had prints of WERNECKE in its files in Washington. He added that he has reference to believe that WERNECKE was in some way involved in the murder of a girl named TURNER in Morton Grove, Illinois, in 1964.

On April 21, 1965, the writer contacted Mr. J. G. SHALDA, Assistant Registrar at the above VA Hospital, to inquire what formalities would be necessary to check the property left by WERNECKE. Mr. SHALDA pointed out that WERNECKE died on March 29, 1965, of a heart ailment after having spent some time in this hospital for psychiatric care. Inasmuch as WERNECKE left no known relatives, the hospital had kept all of the property left by WERNECKE in a box in their supply room. He stated that all that would be necessary to inspect this property would be a written request from any agent or police officer who desired to inspect it. He also stated that in the event an agent wished to take this property to the office, he could do so if specifically requested in writing.

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Mr. SHALDA permitted the writer to make a cursory examination of the property left by WERNECKE, and it was determined that there was considerable written material in WERNECKE's handwriting and an address book with numerous names and telephone numbers. A chauffeur's license from Skokie, Illinois, with WERNECKE's picture on it bearing the name JOHN MILLER and other numerous records were found. It was noted that there was a Social Security Card bearing number 349-38-7163 with the name JOHN MILLER, 4526 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

The written material was not examined by the writer; however, it was noted that one of the first names in WERNECKE's address book was the name TURNER.

It is suggested that a thorough review of this material may possibly reveal pertinent names or information that would be useful to this office. In the event it is desired to inspect this material, it is suggested that Mr. SHALDA be contacted prior to going to the hospital by calling him at MO 4-6600, extension 272, which is the telephone number of the VA Research Hospital on Huron Street in Chicago.

There is attached herewith the fingerprints furnished by Chief CHAMBERLAIN.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

5/28/65

SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Re Chicago letter dated 8/5/59 entitled, "KLAN ORGANIZATIONS
HATE ORGANIZATIONS AND RACIAL INFORMANTS: RM; DM", bufile
157-1-9.

Current investigation reveals that WERNECKE recently
died. He has, therefore, been deleted as a potential bombing
suspect of this division. A separate communication has been
directed to the attention of the Identification Division deleting
WERNECKE from the Single Fingerprint Explosives File.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-8118)

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SAC, CHICAGO (65-582)

ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIV.

WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE
POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECT

Re Chicago letter dated 8/25/59.

Investigation reflects that WILLIAM BERNARD WERNECKE,
FBI No. 2970391, is now deceased. It is requested that his
name be deleted from the Single Fingerprint Explosives File.

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